

FIG. 1

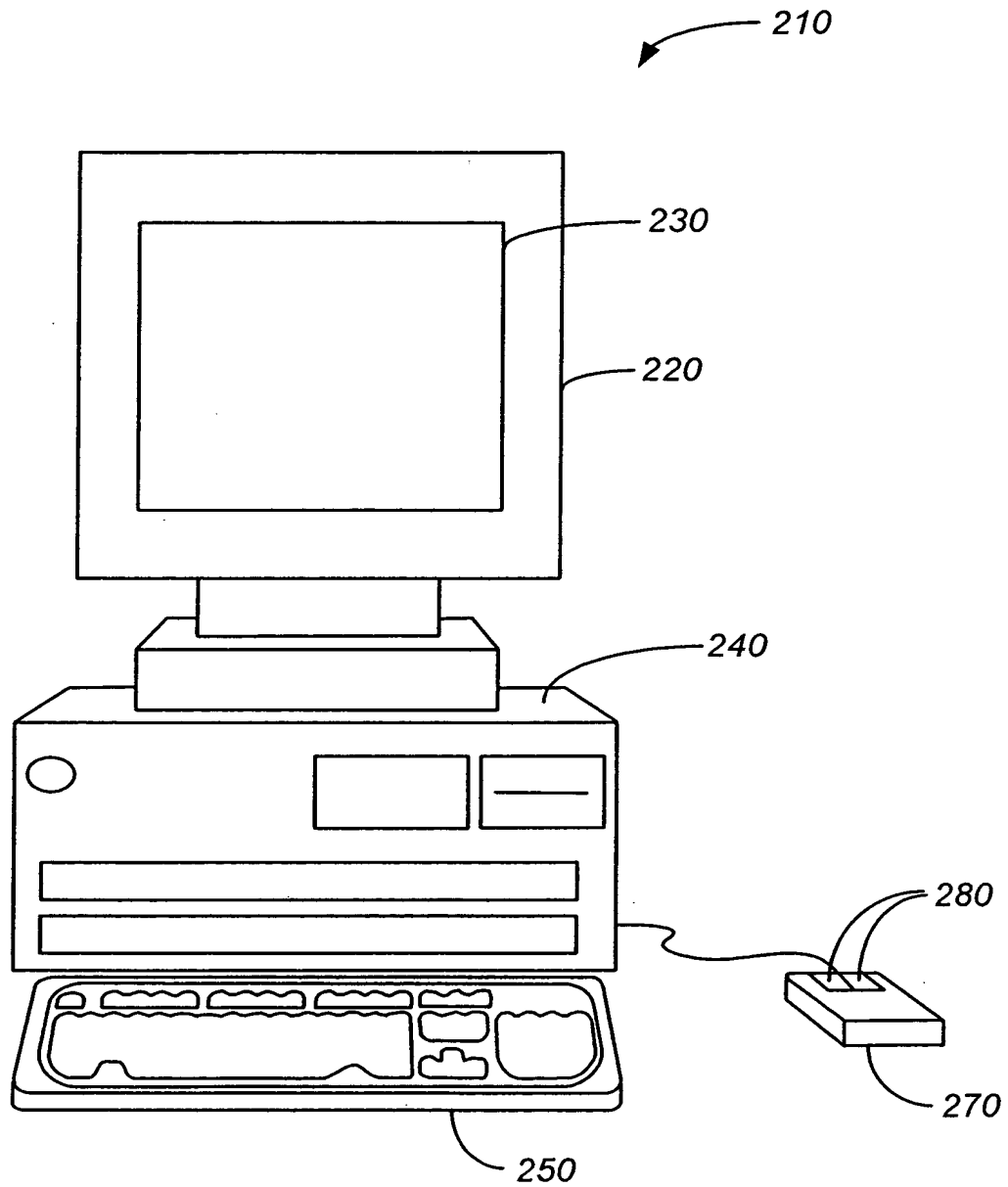


FIG. 2

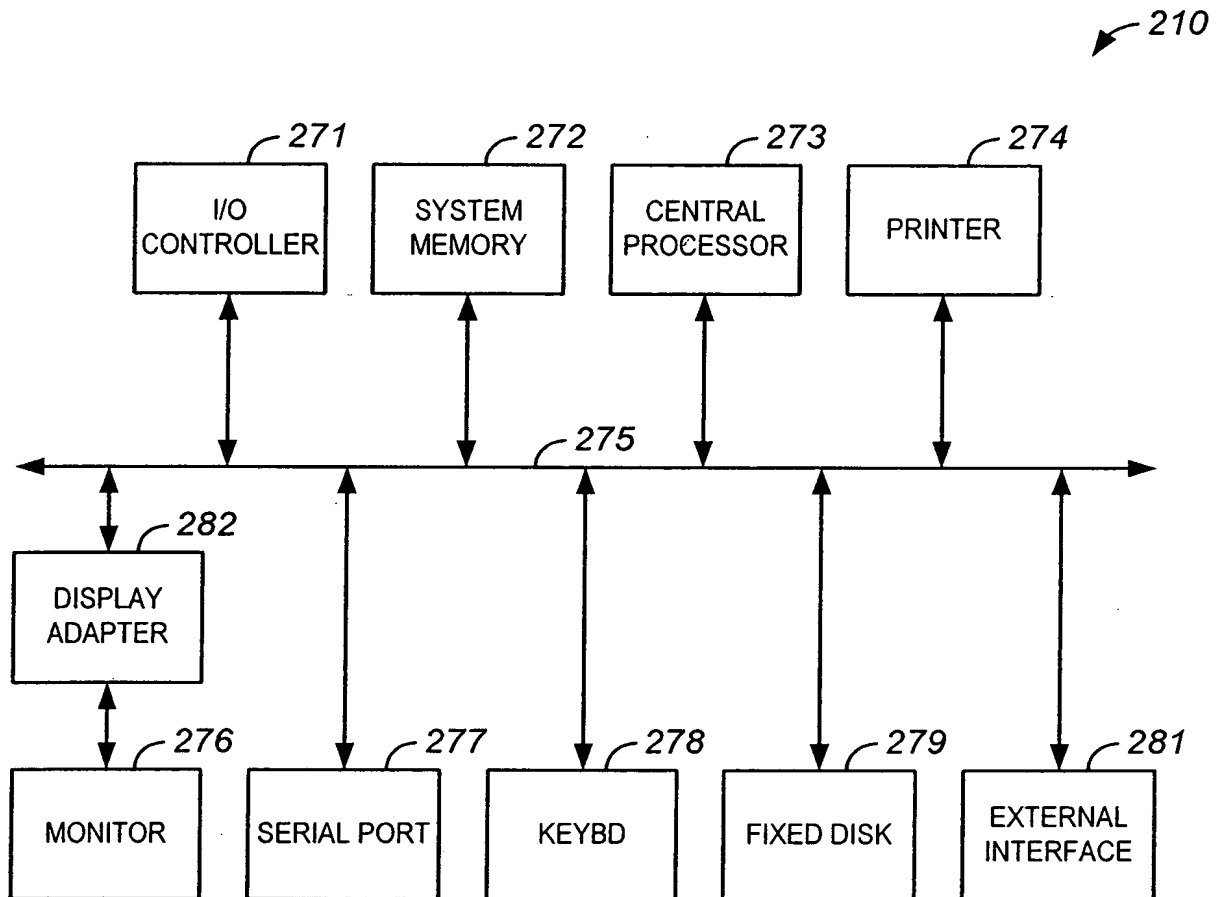


FIG. 2A

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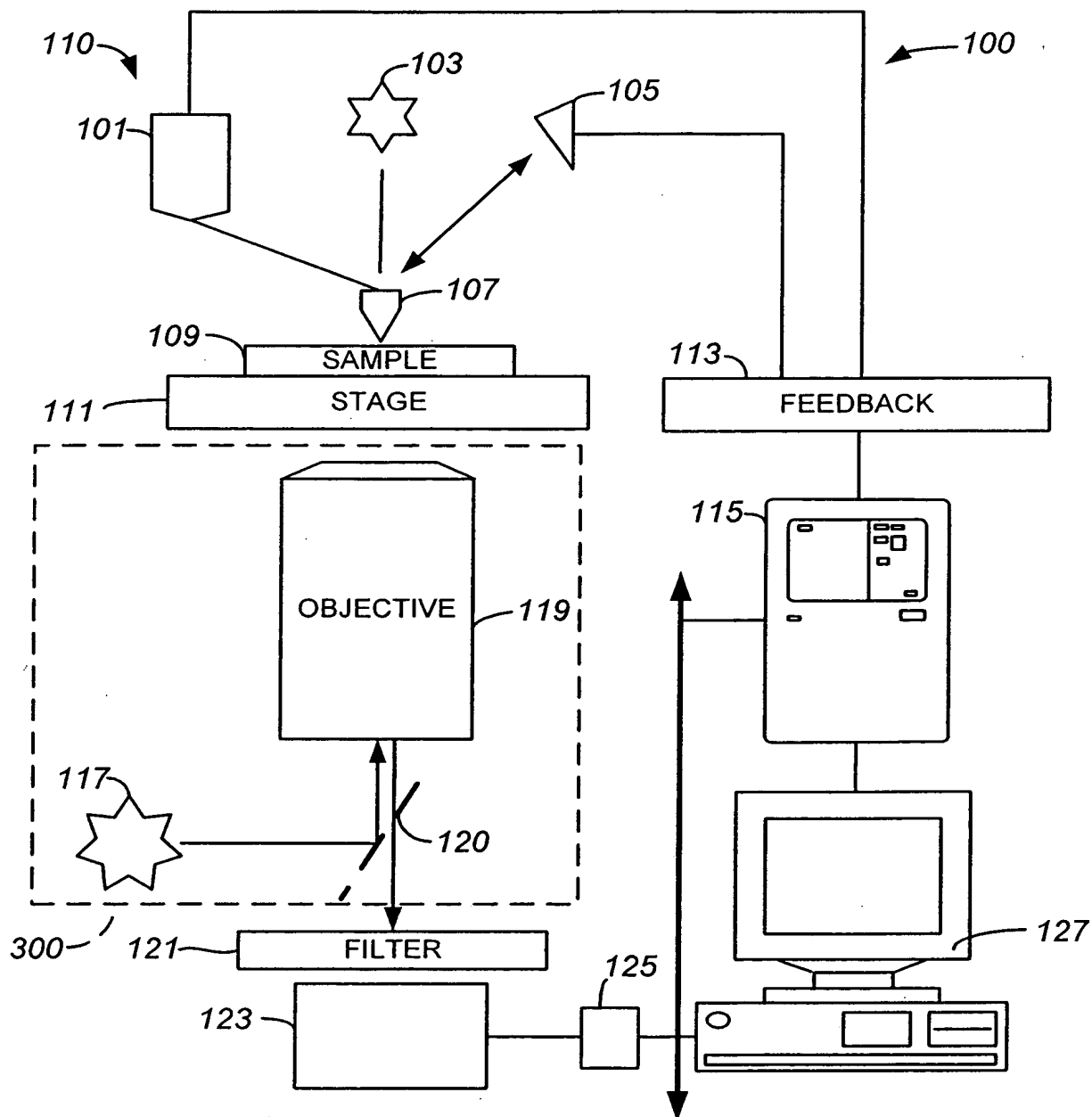


FIG. 3

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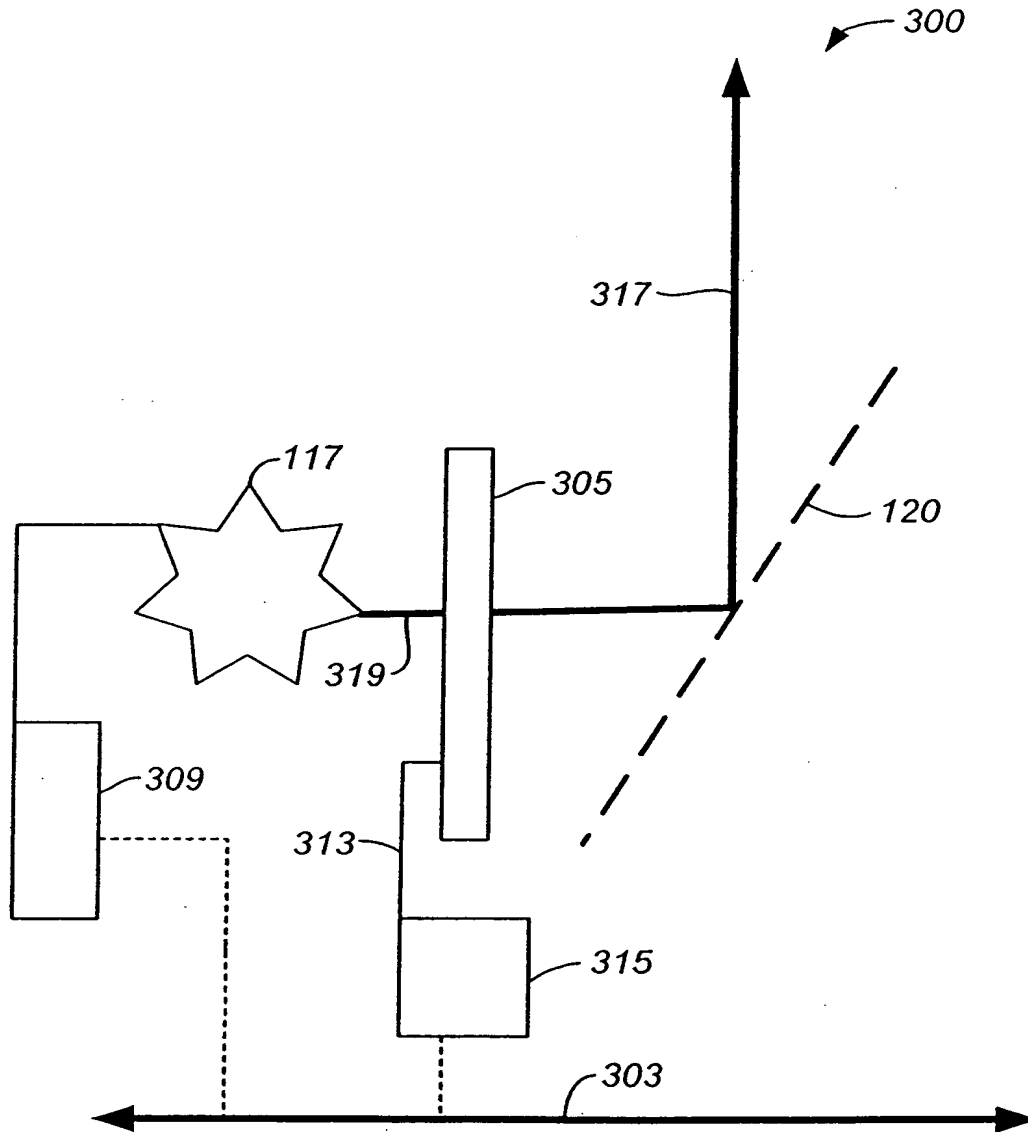


FIG. 3A

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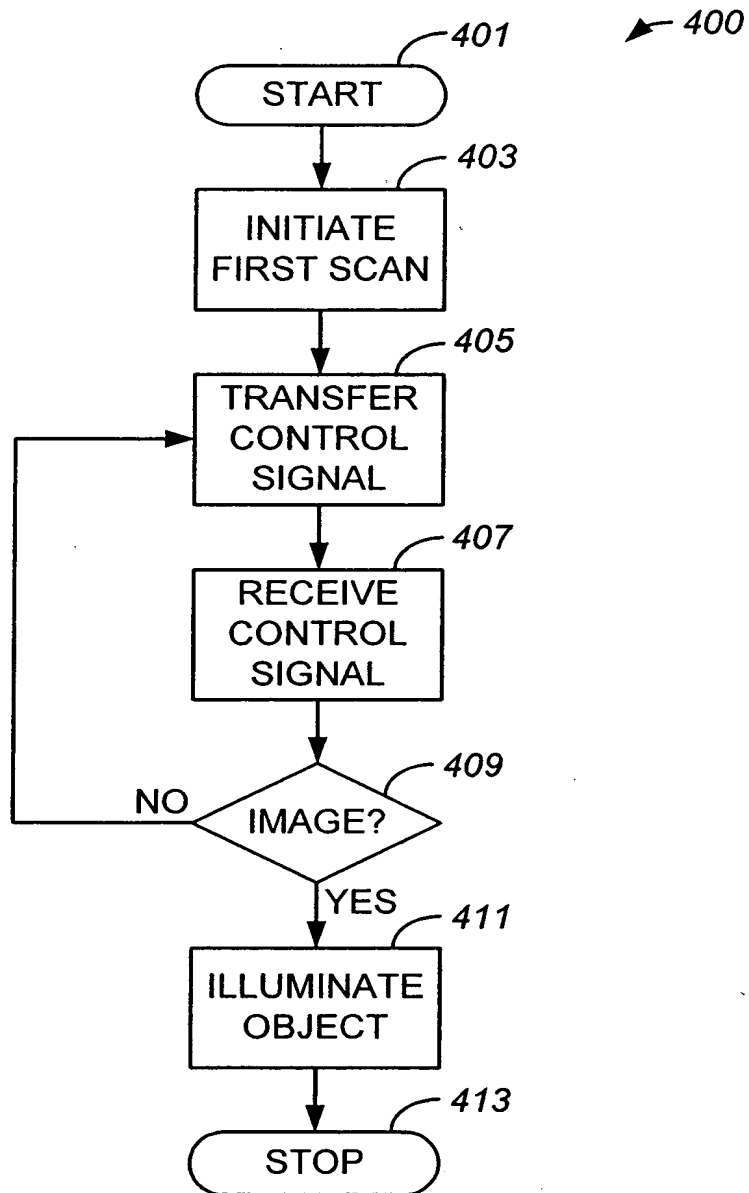


FIG. 4

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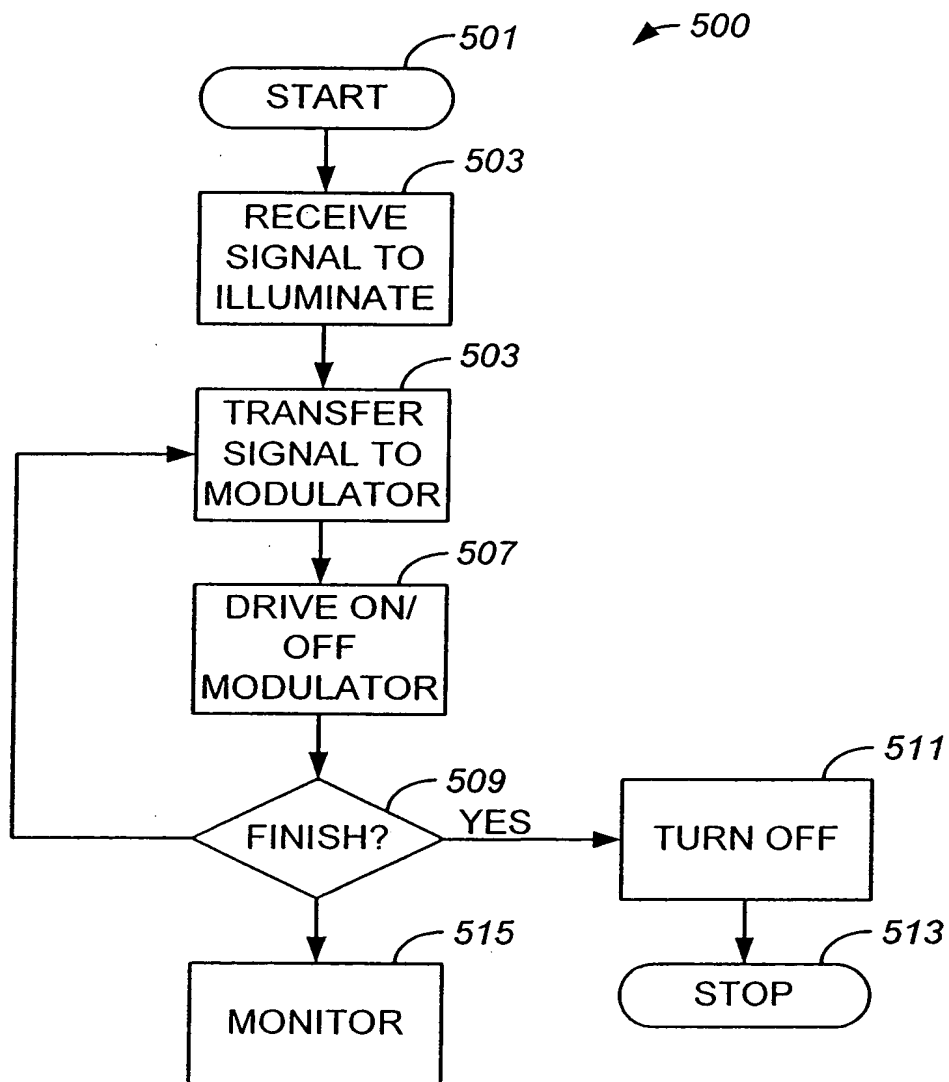


FIG. 5

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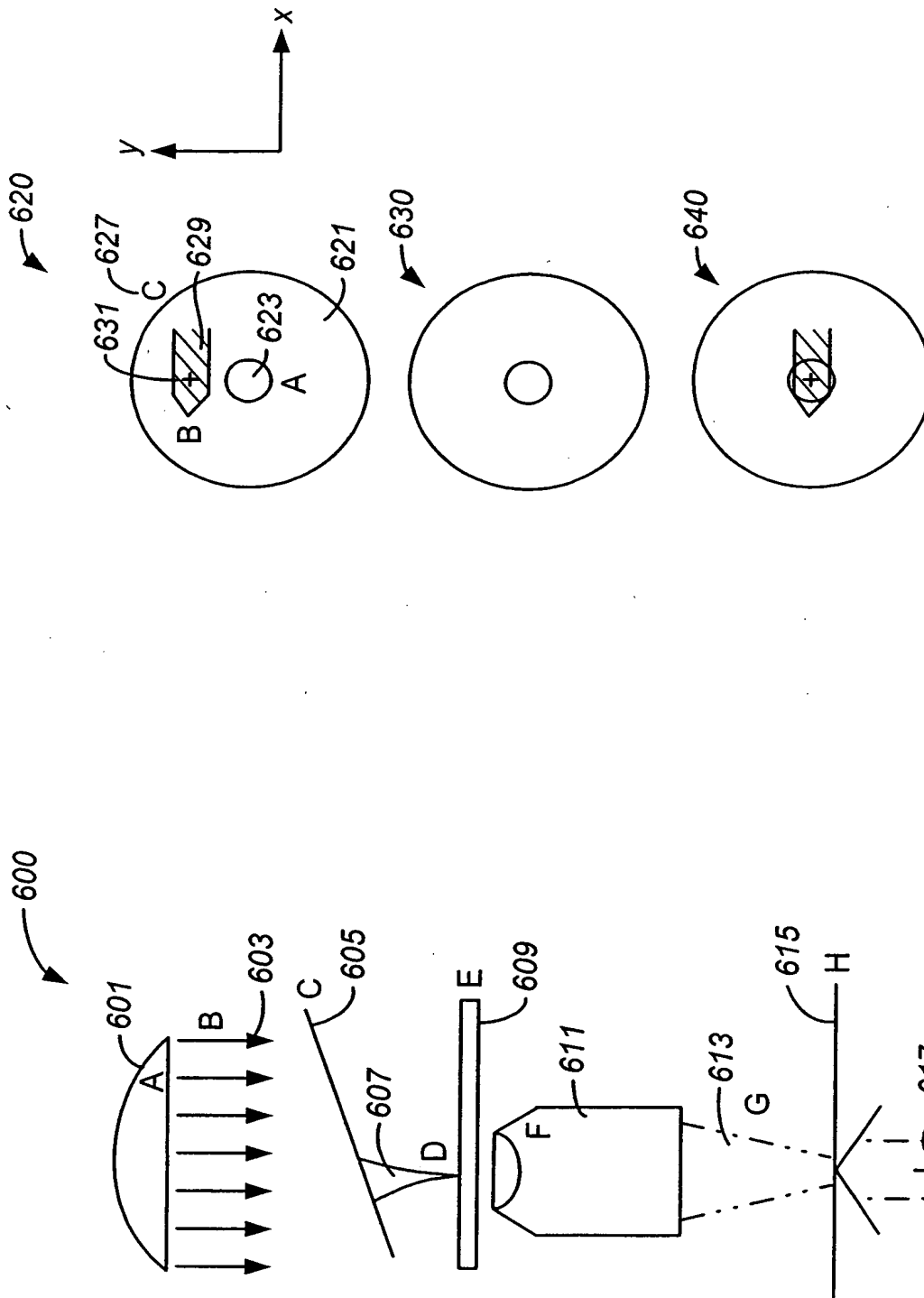
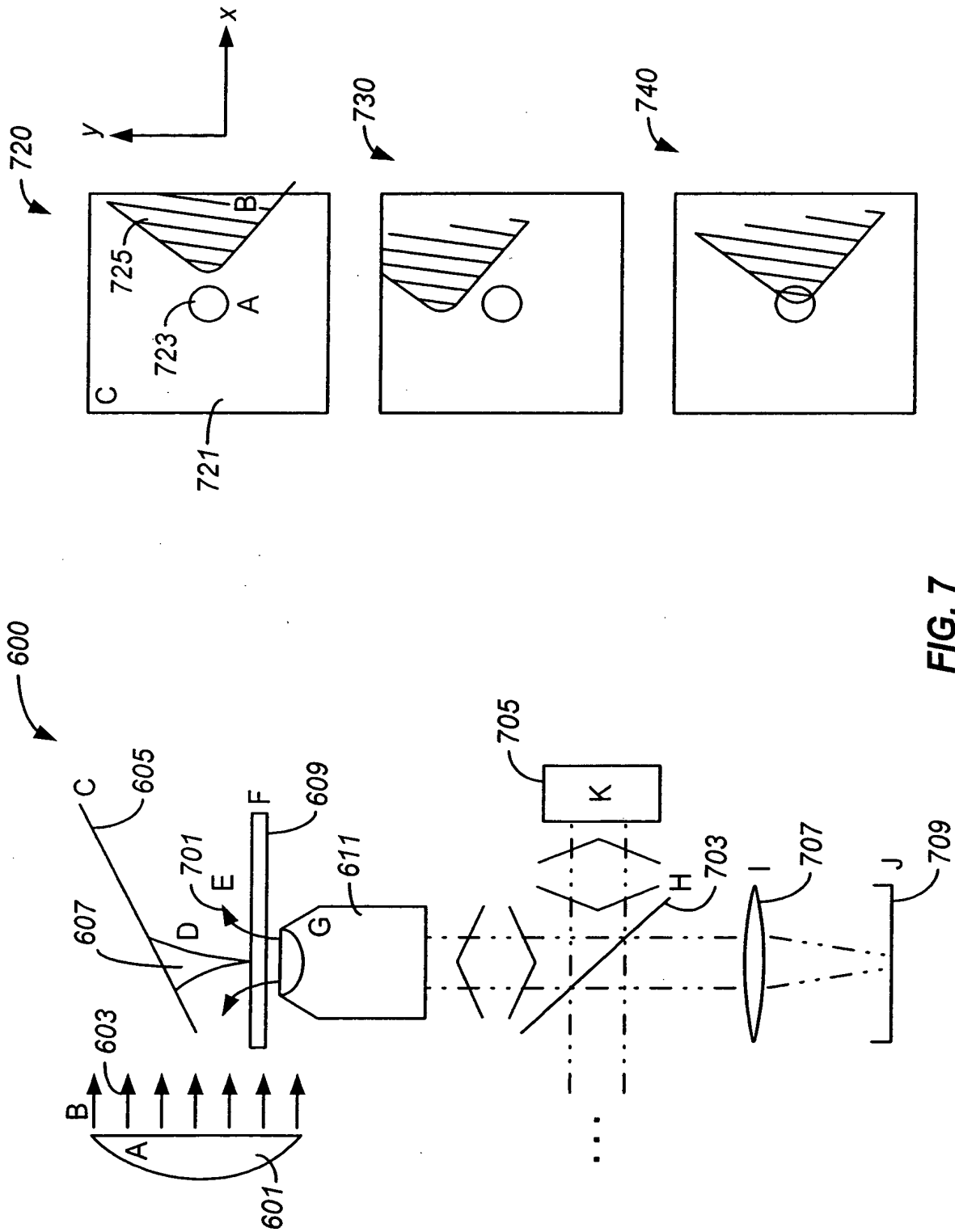


FIG. 6

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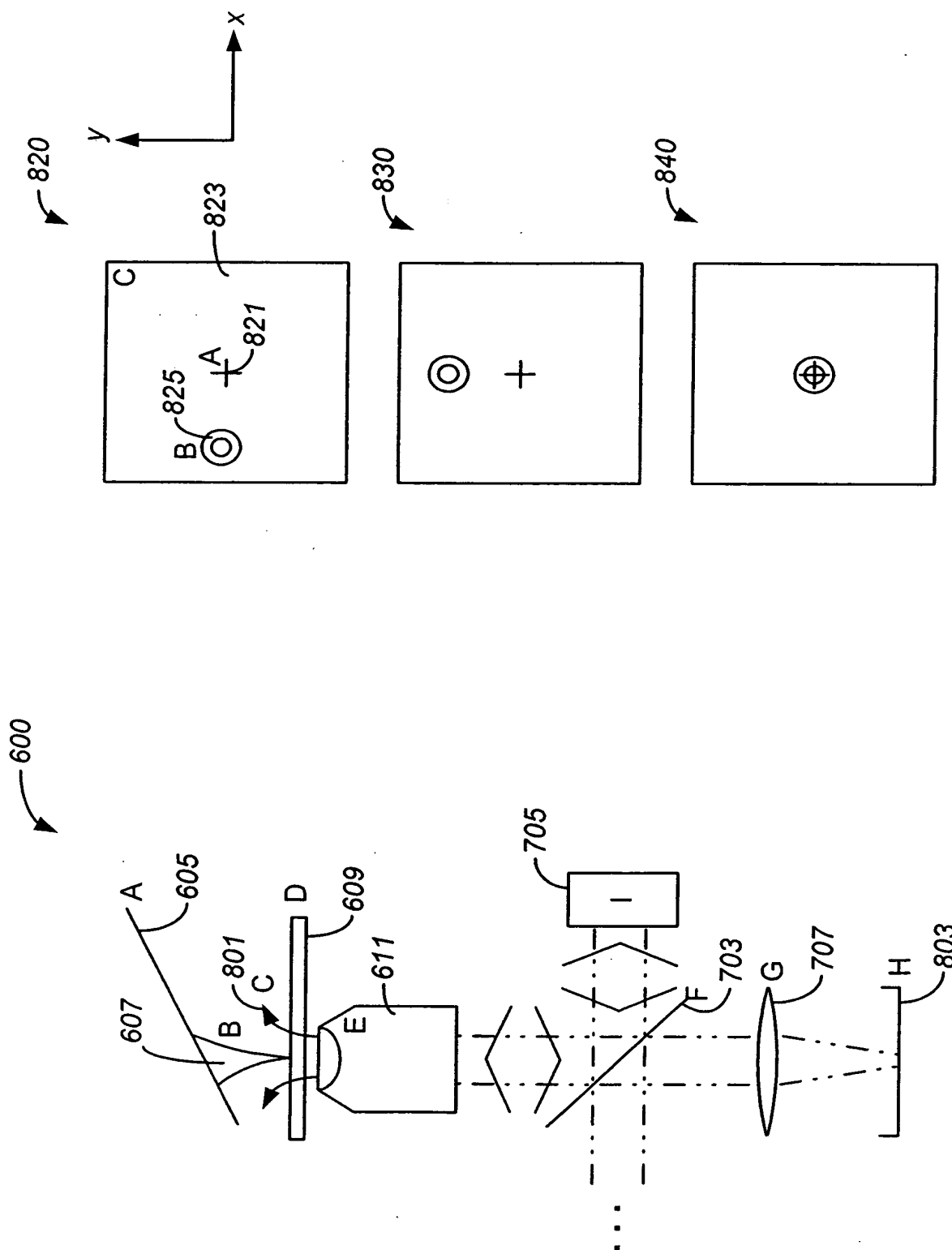


FIG. 8

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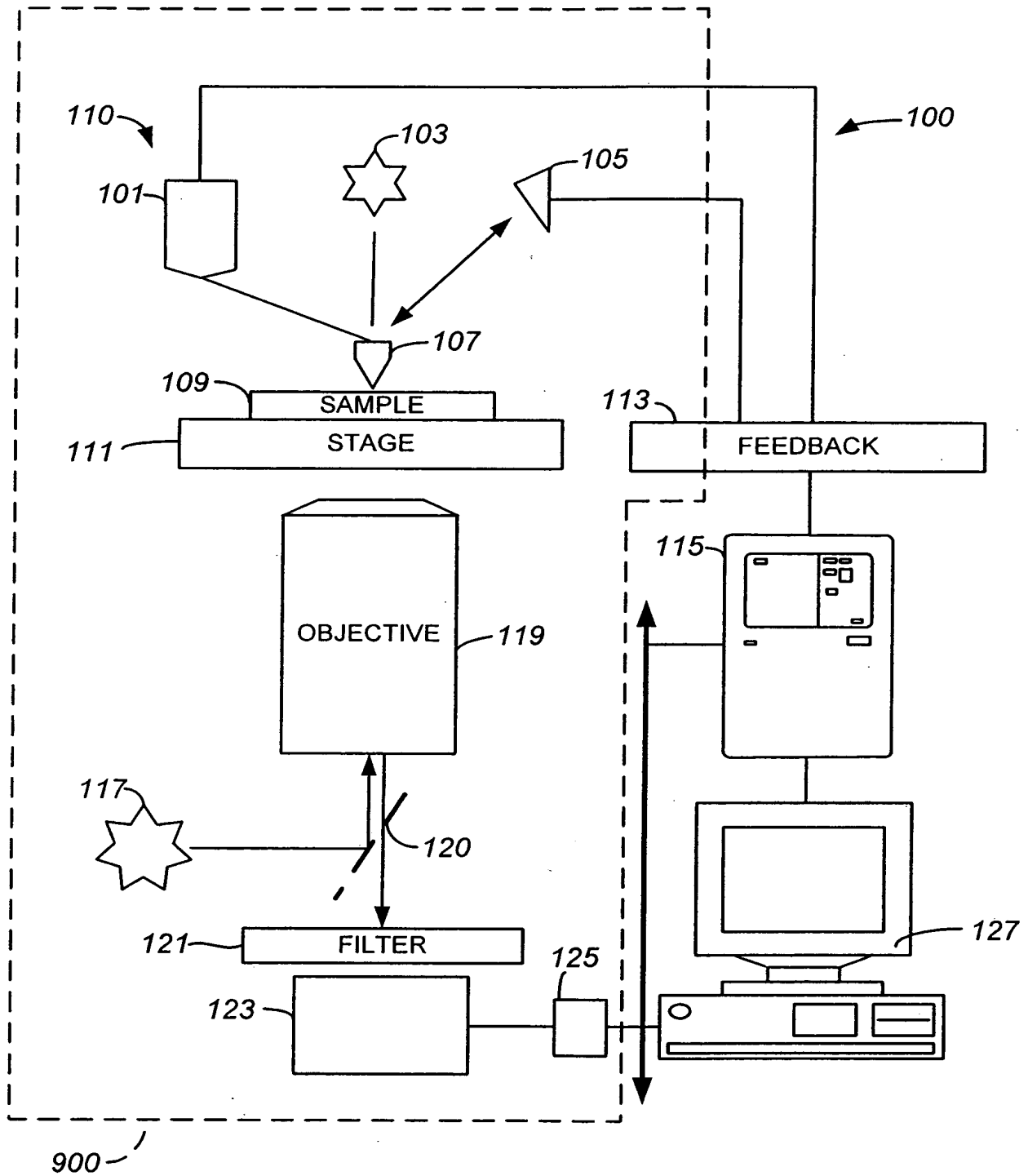


FIG. 9

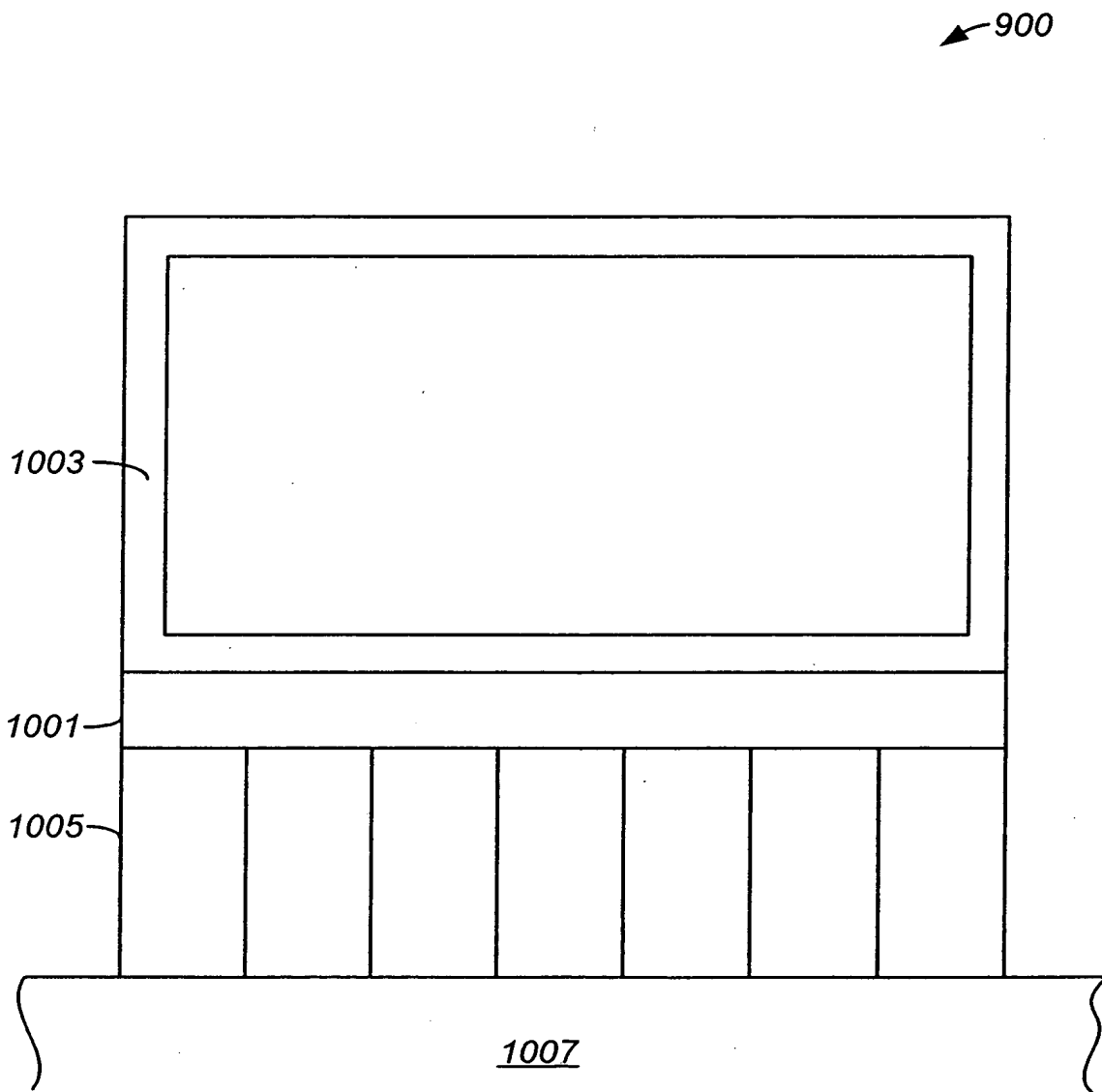


FIG. 10

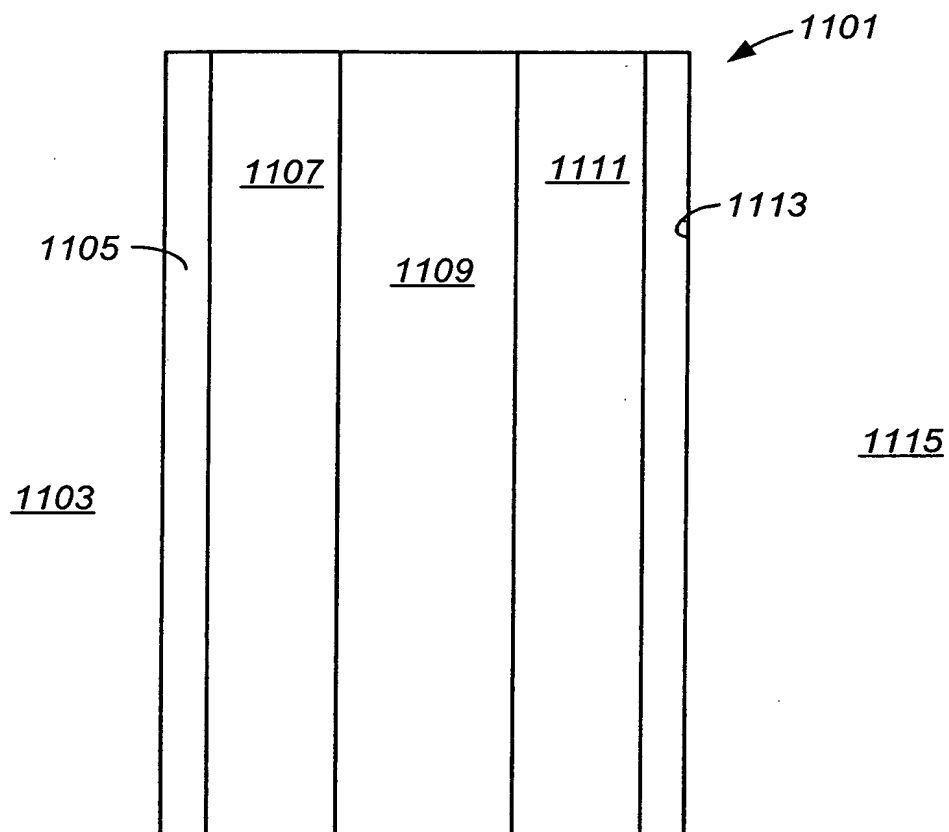


FIG. 11

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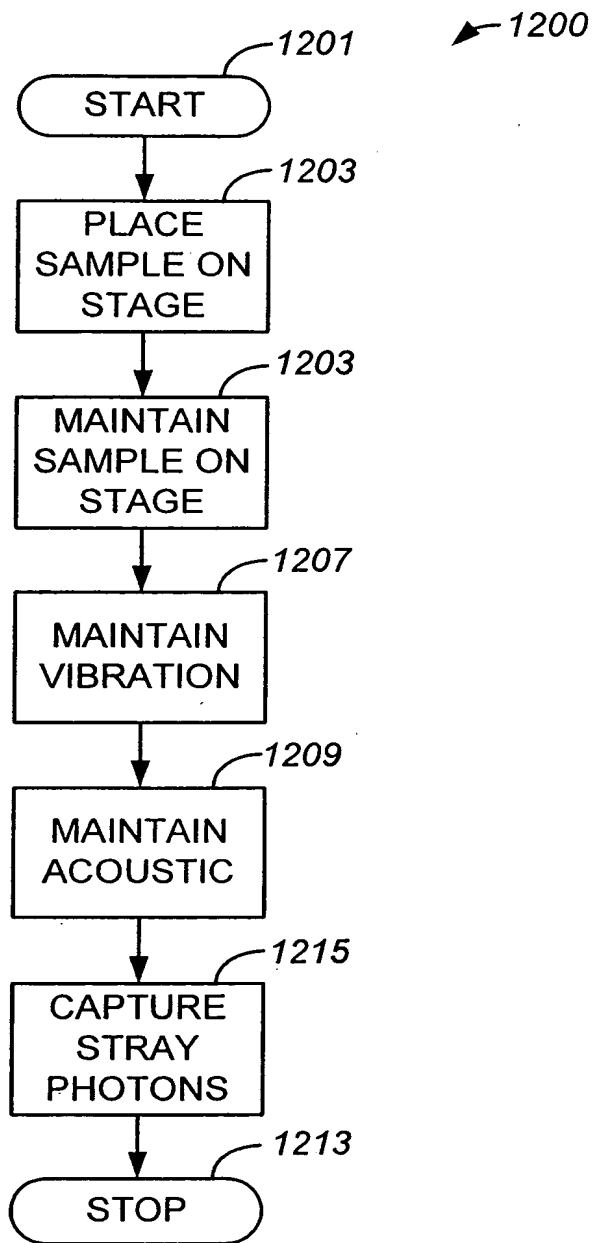


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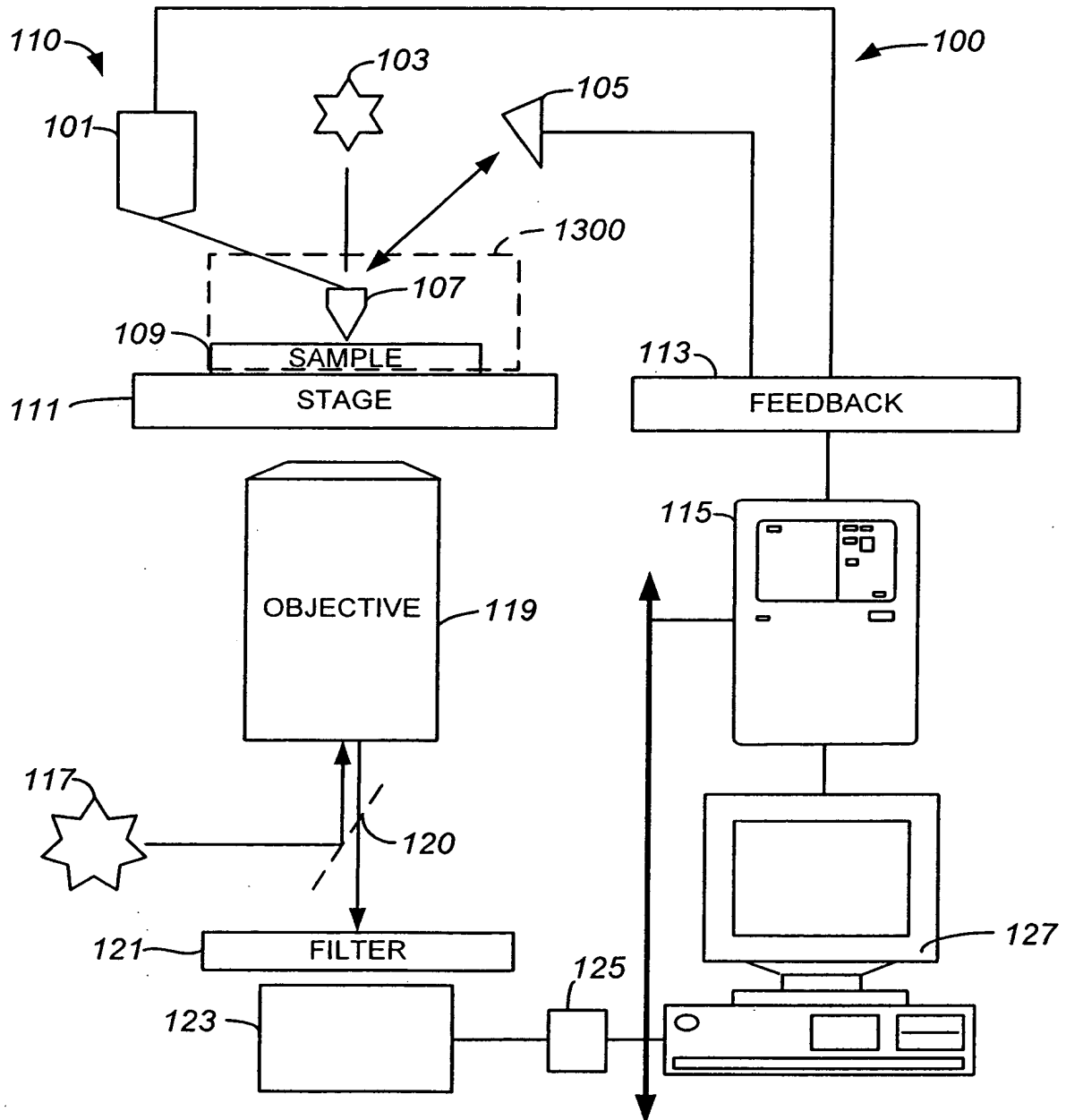


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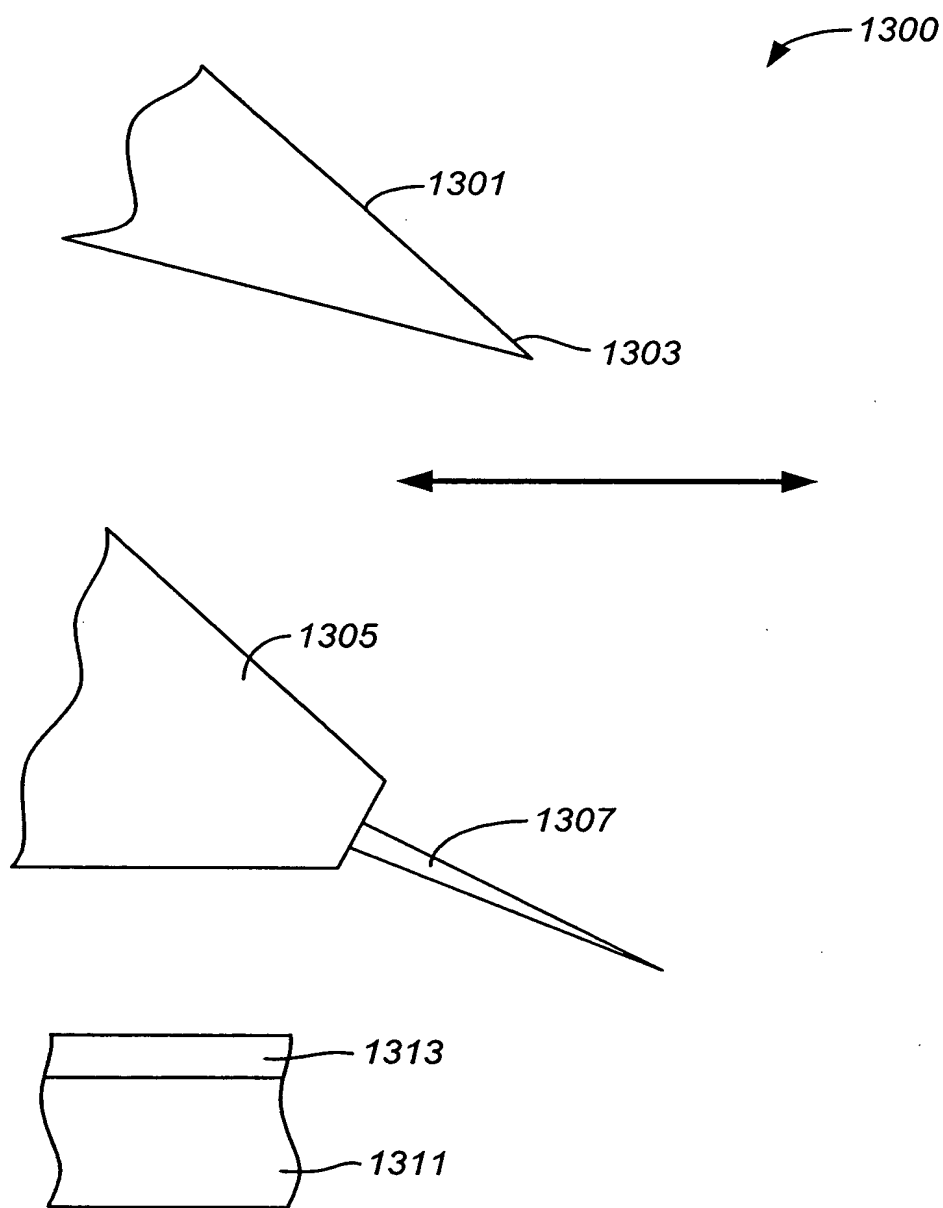


FIG. 14

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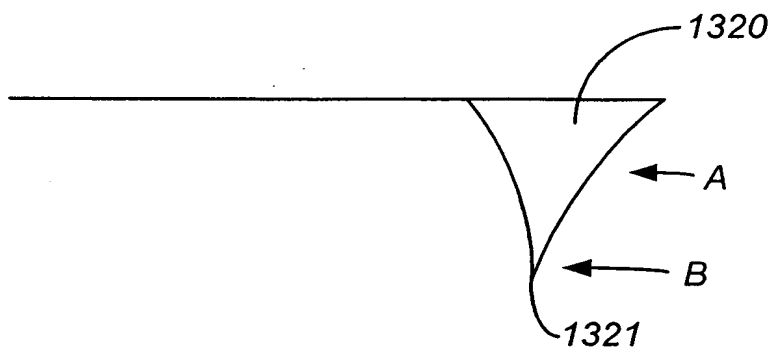


FIG. 14A

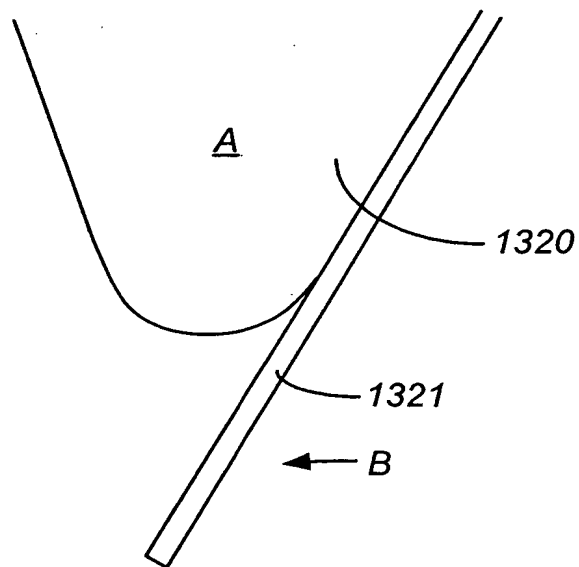


FIG. 14B

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FIG. 14C



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FIG. 14D

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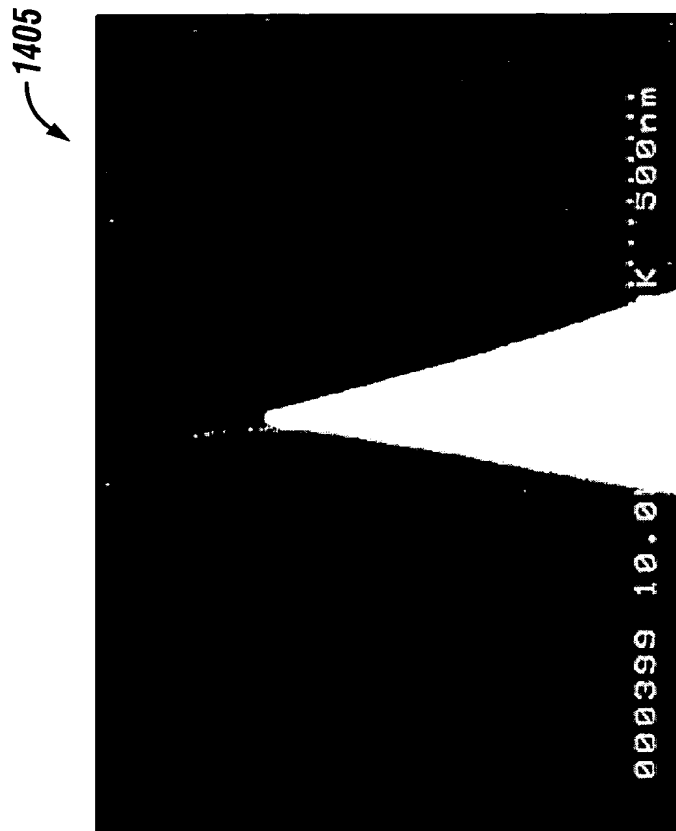


FIG. 14E

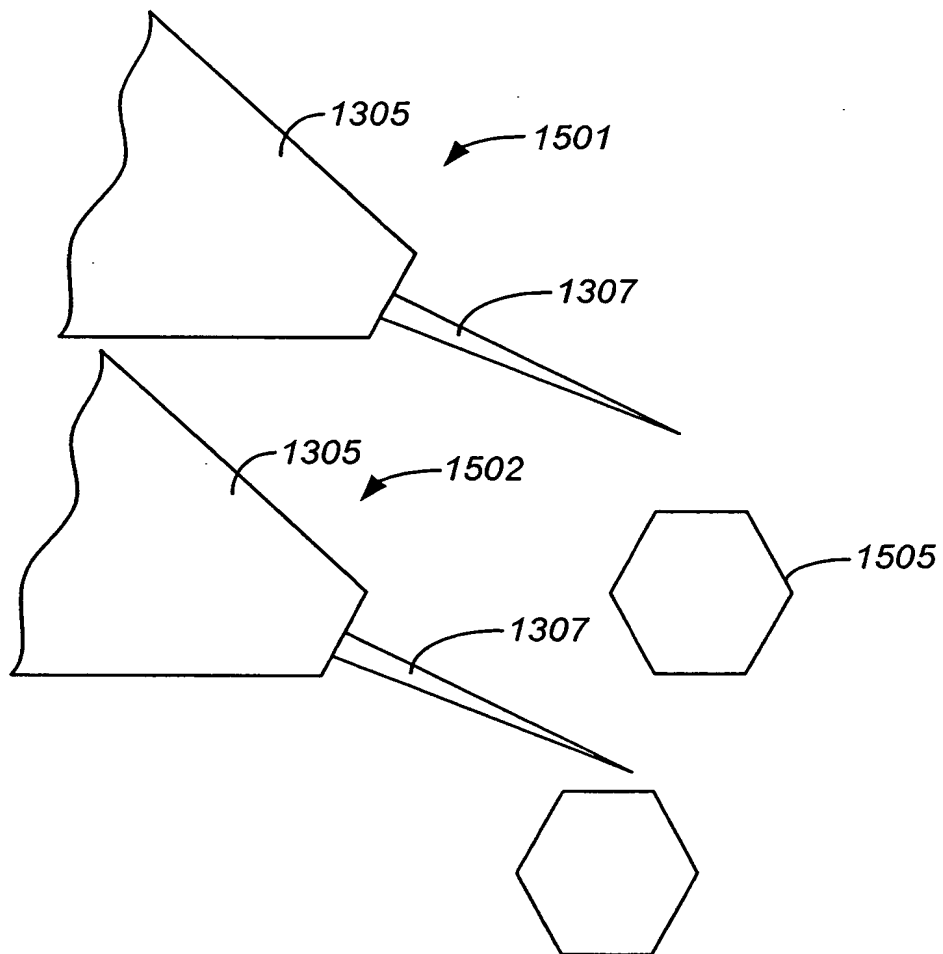


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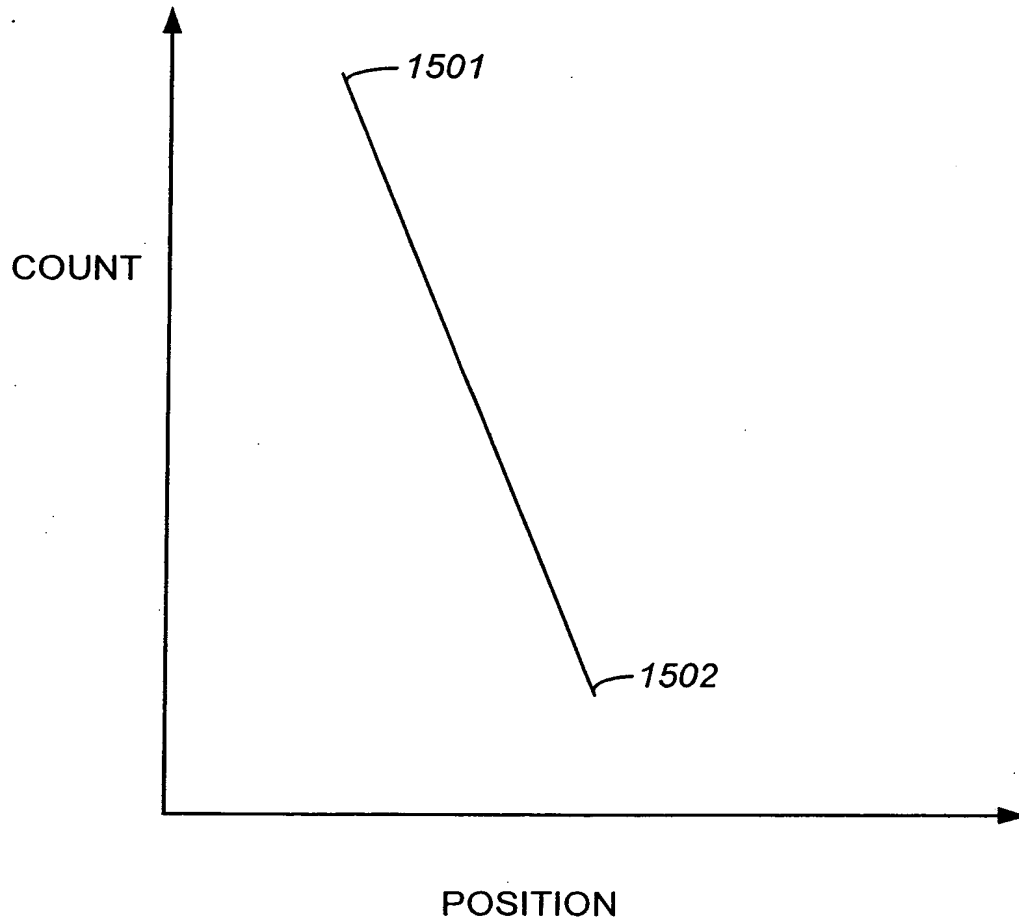


FIG. 16

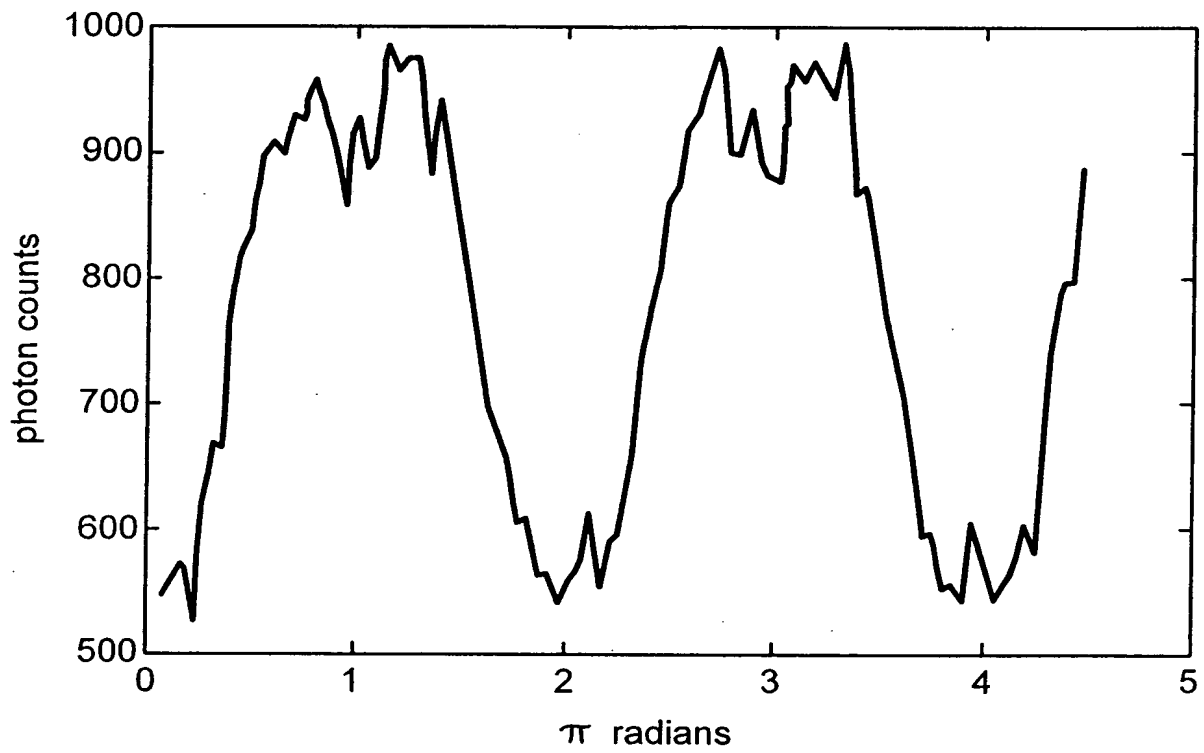


FIG. 17

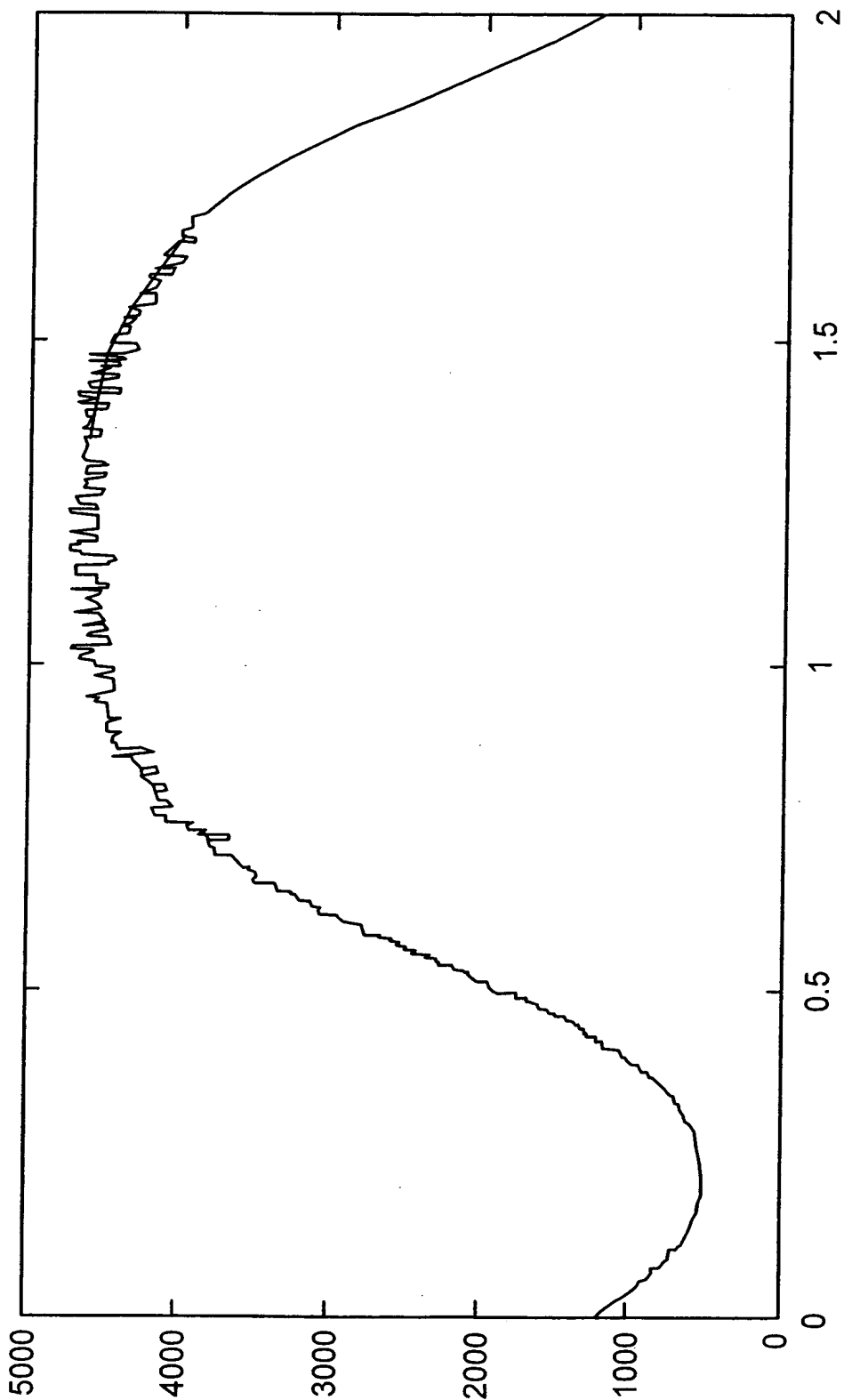


FIG. 18

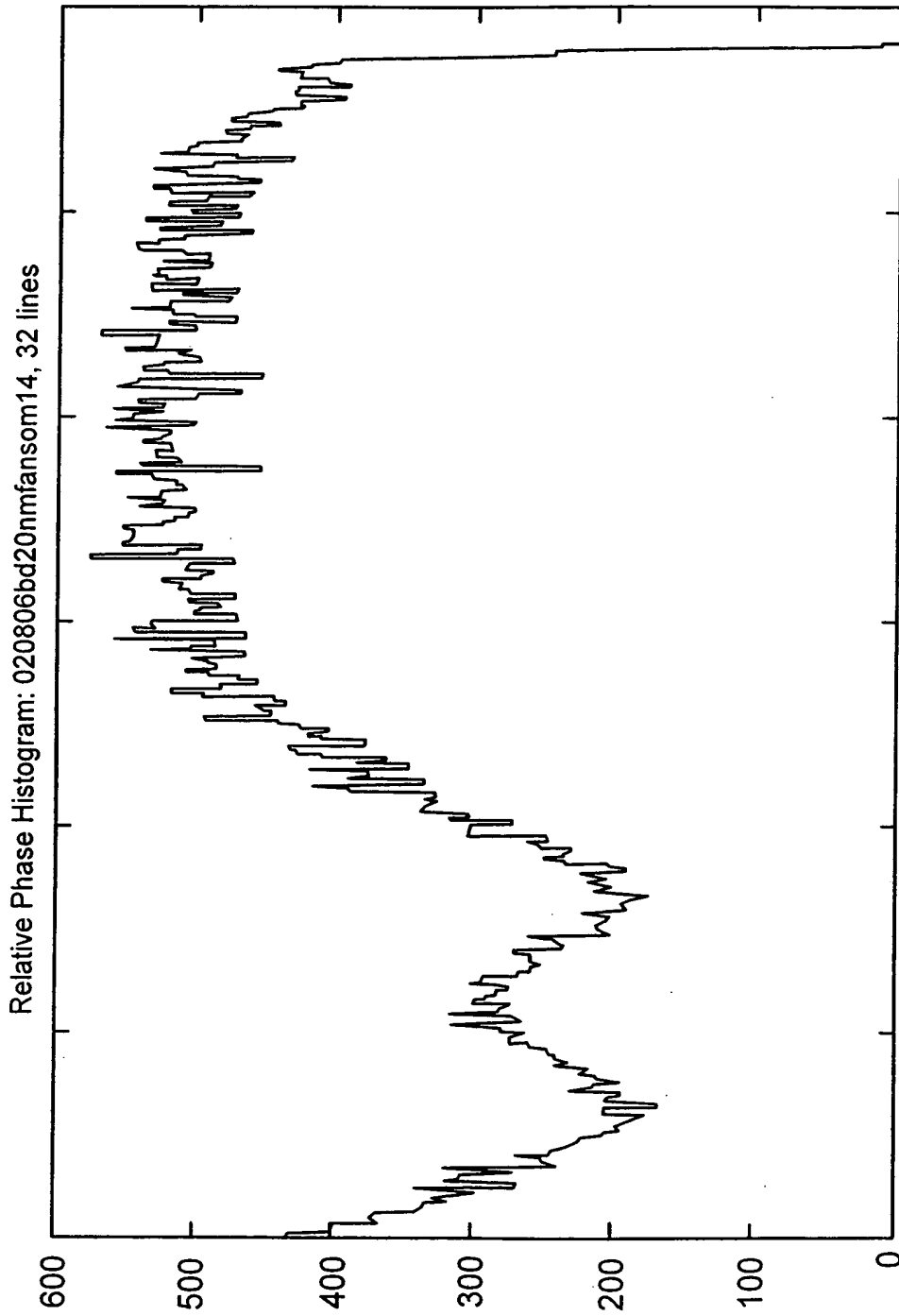


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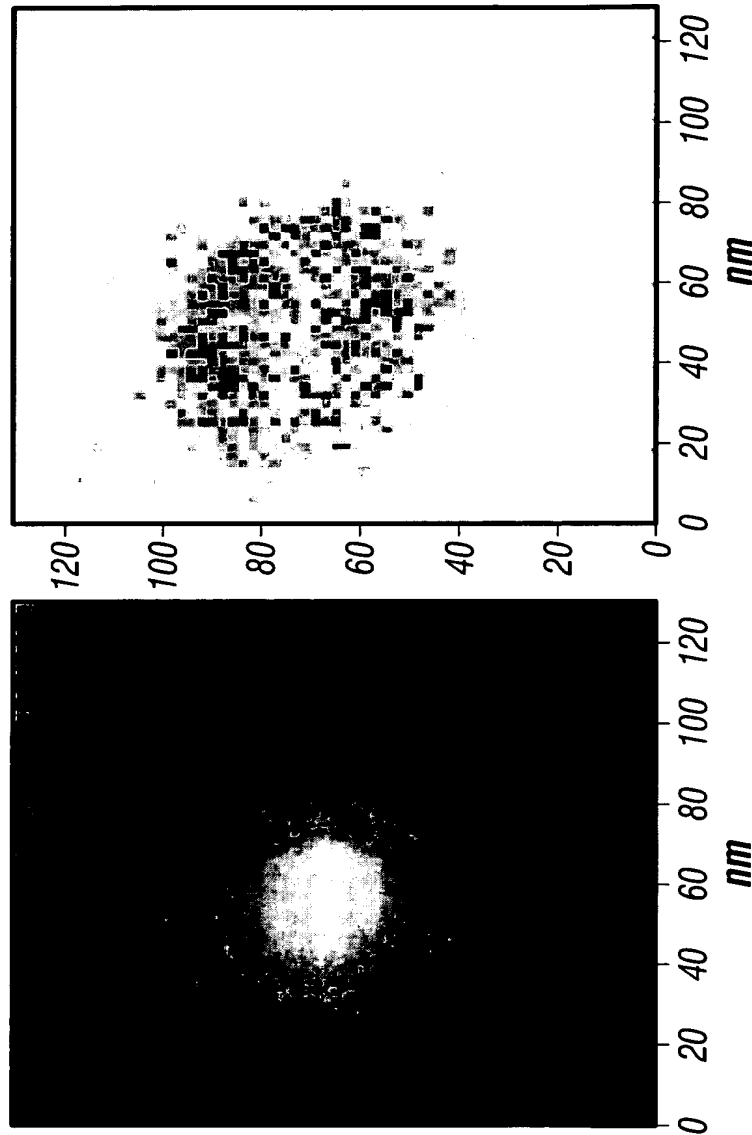


FIG. 20

APPROACH CURVE: FLUORESCENCE AS A FUNCTION OF VERTICAL DISTANCE

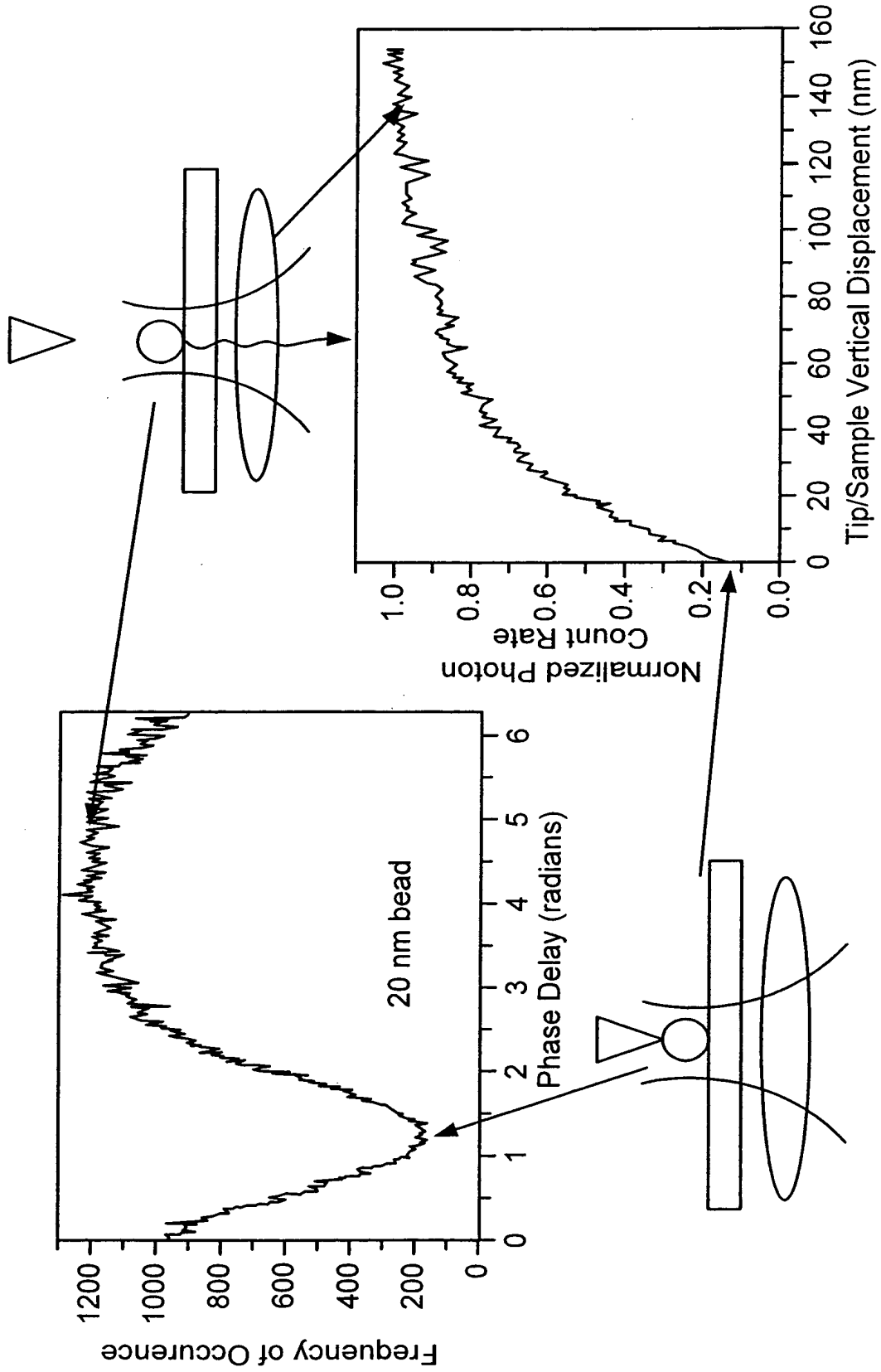
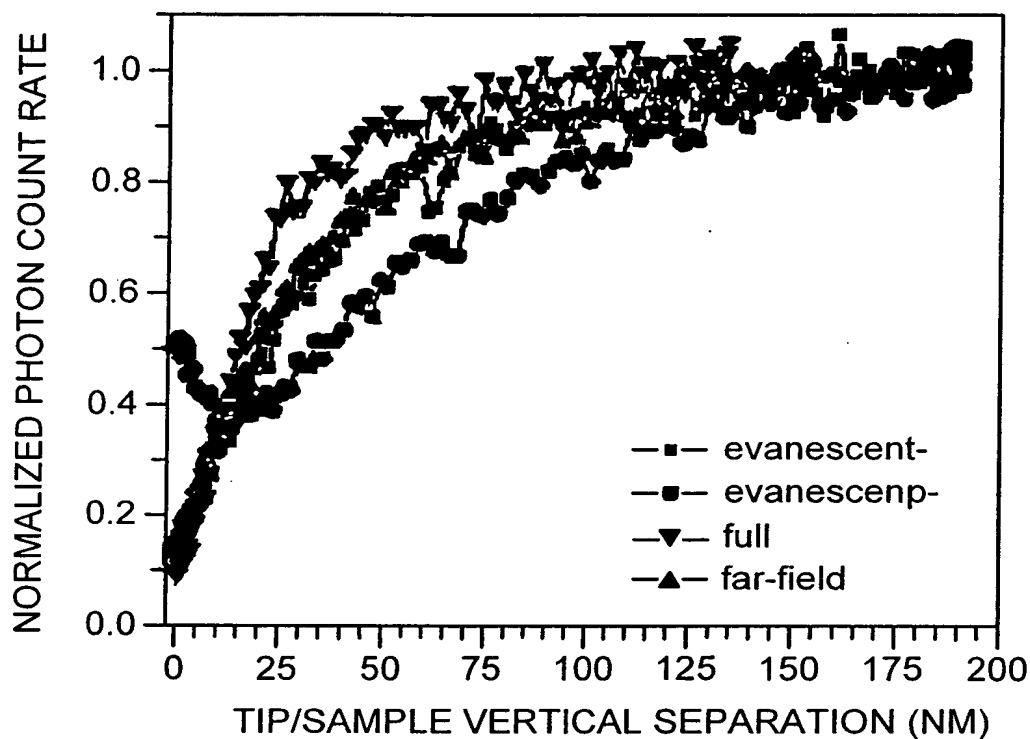


FIG. 20A

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METALLIC TIPS



- PLATINUM-IRIDIUM COATED TIPS (COMMERCIAL)
- 85-90% SUPPRESSION OF FLUORESCENCE
- PARTIAL RECOVERY OF FLUORESCENCE FOR *P*-POLARIZATION

FIG. 20B

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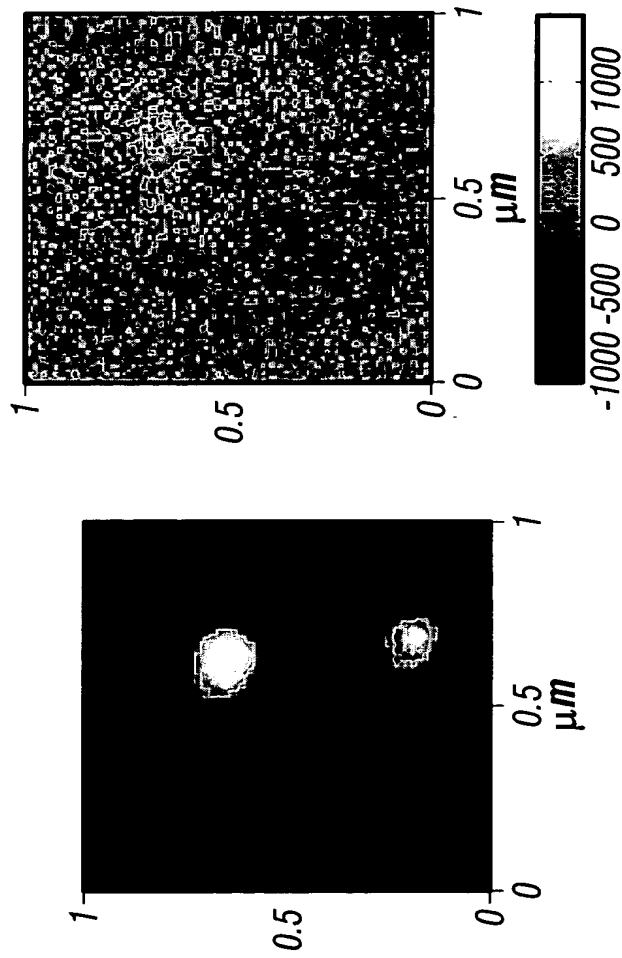


FIG. 21

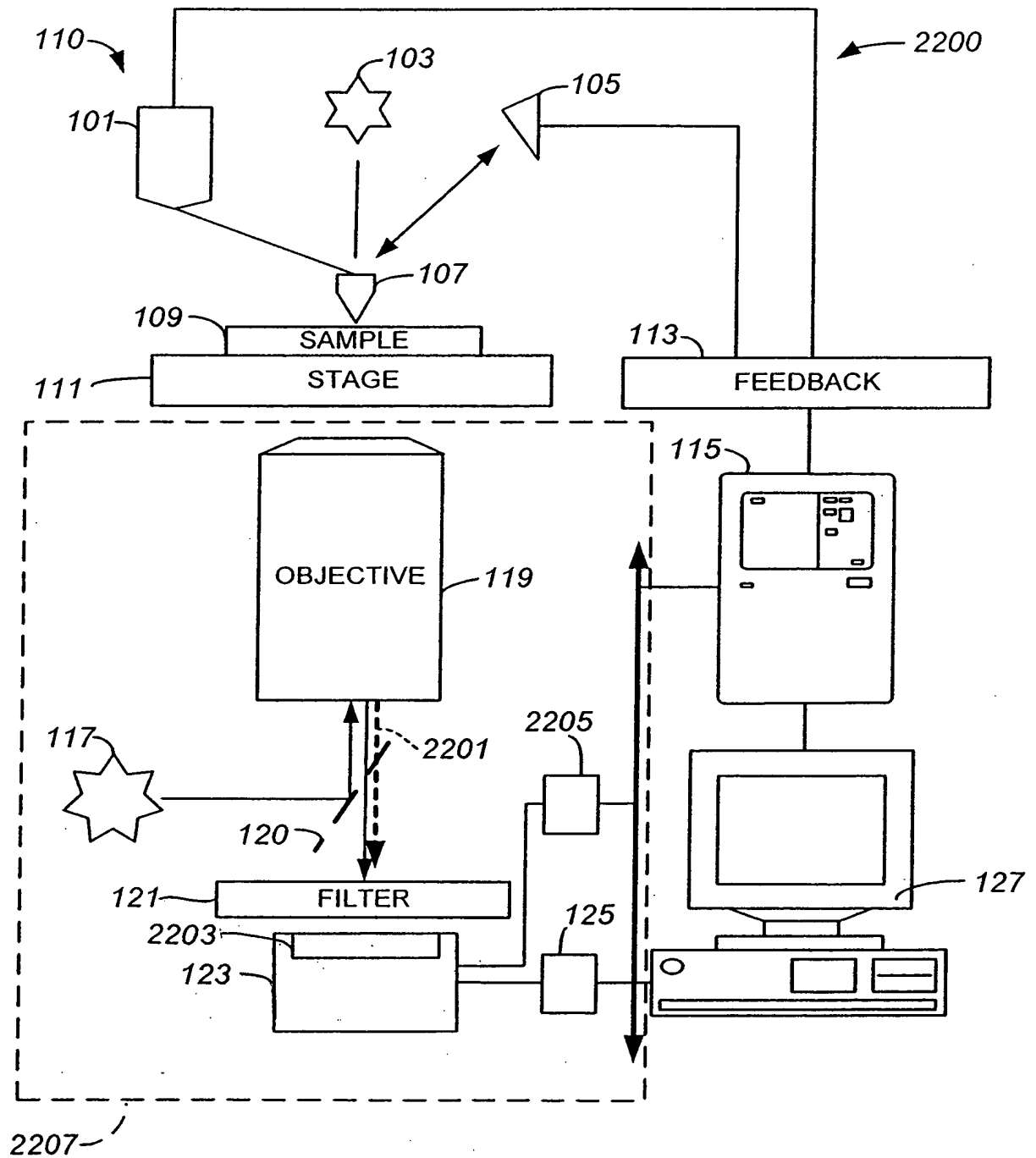


FIG. 22

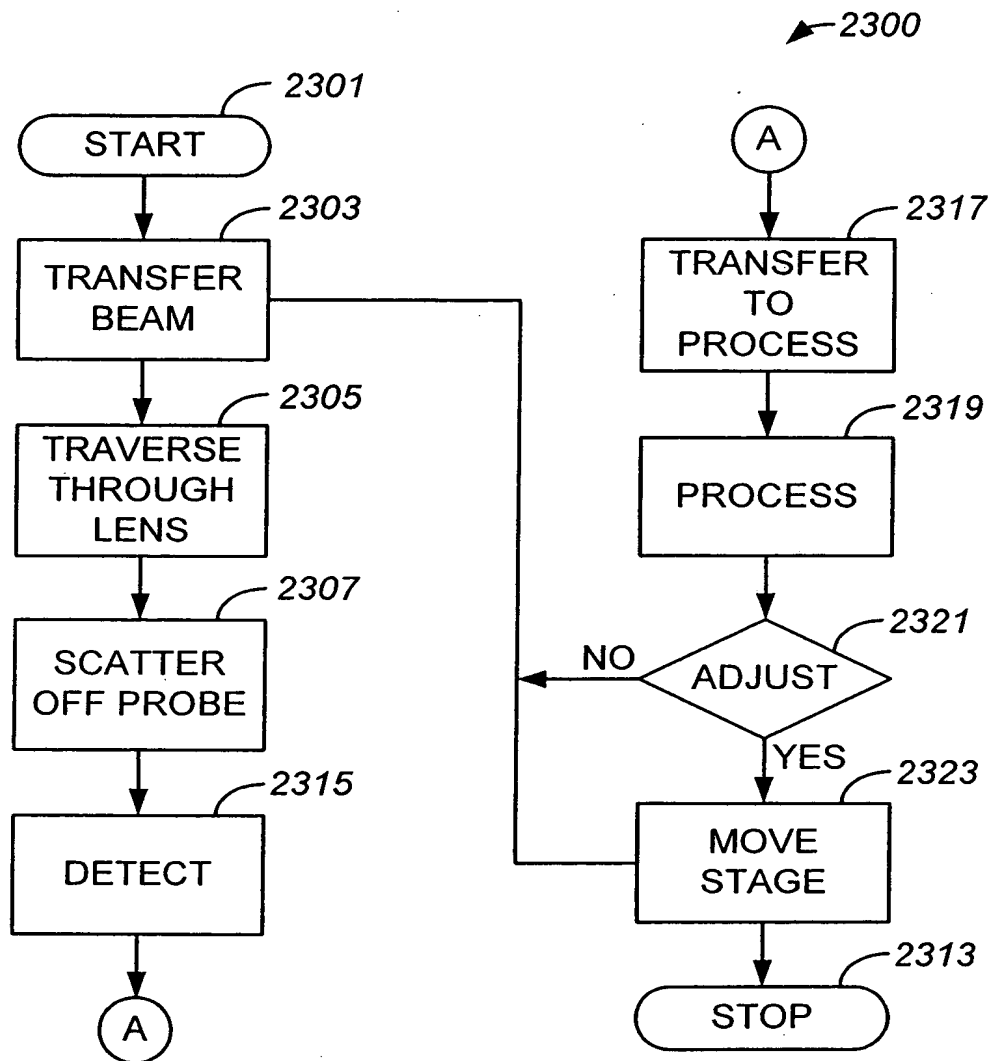


FIG. 23

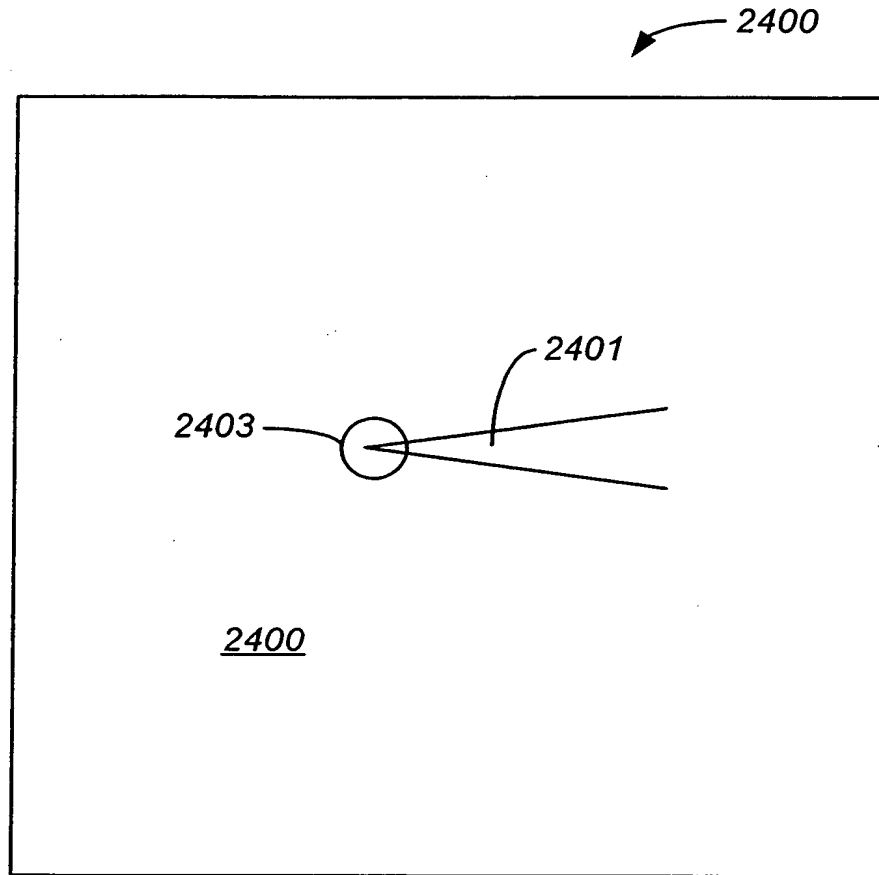


FIG. 24

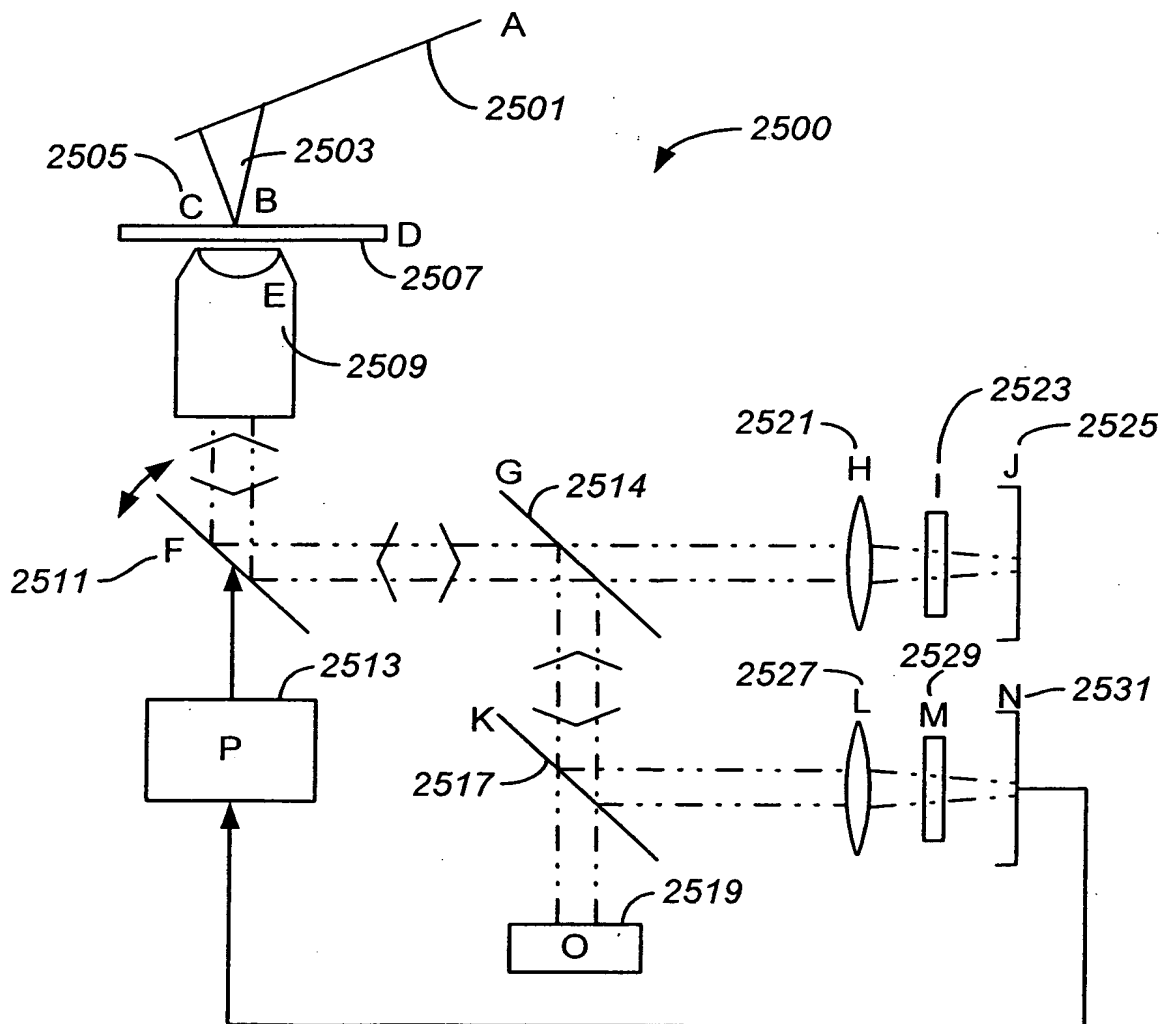


FIG. 25

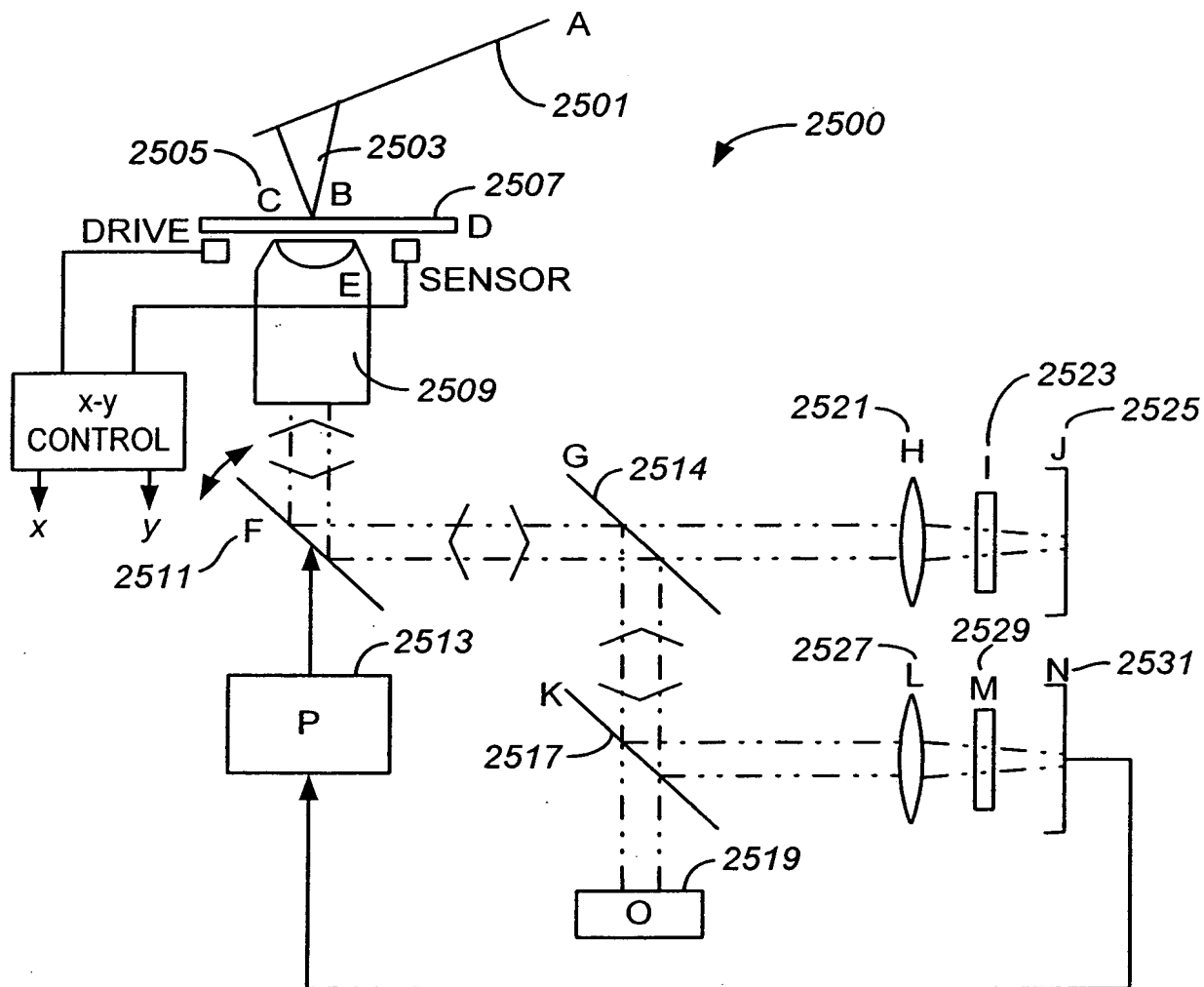


FIG. 25A

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FILTER PLACEMENT

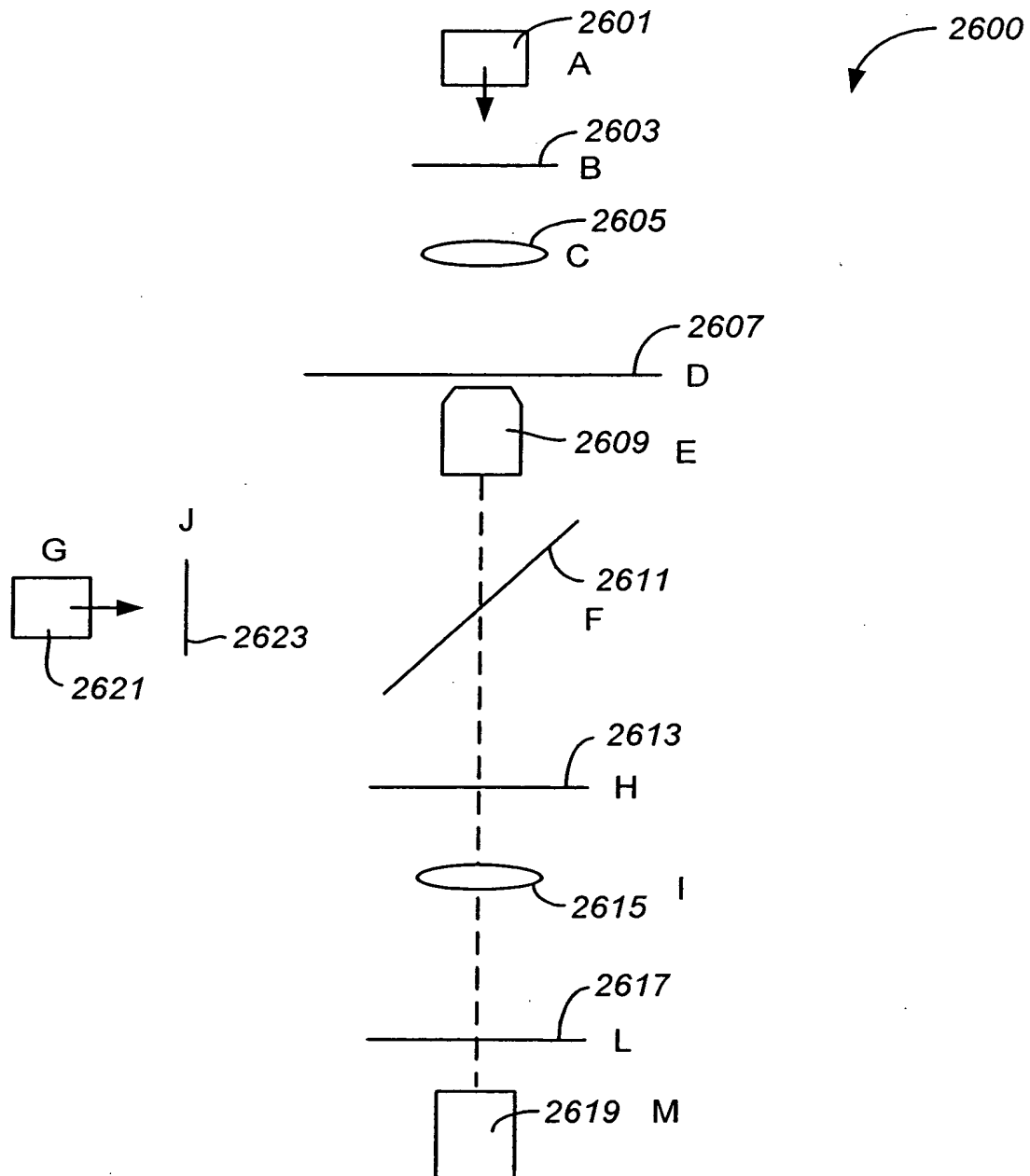


FIG. 26

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SPECTRUM OF AFM LASER



FIG. 27

RELATIVE POSITIONS OF WAVELENGTHS OF INTEREST

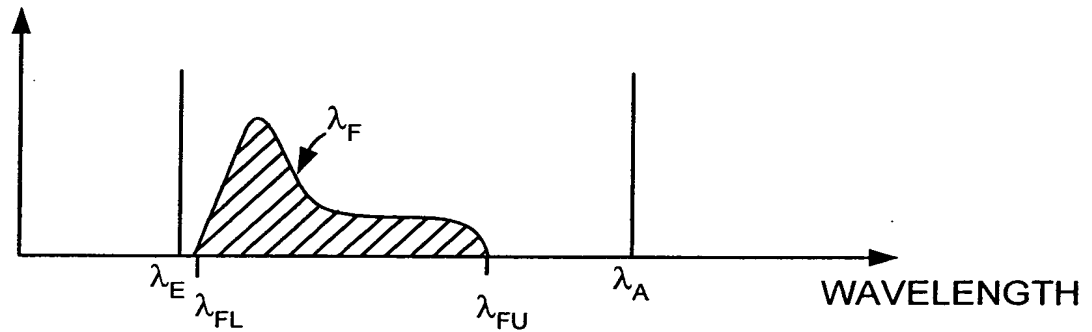


FIG. 28

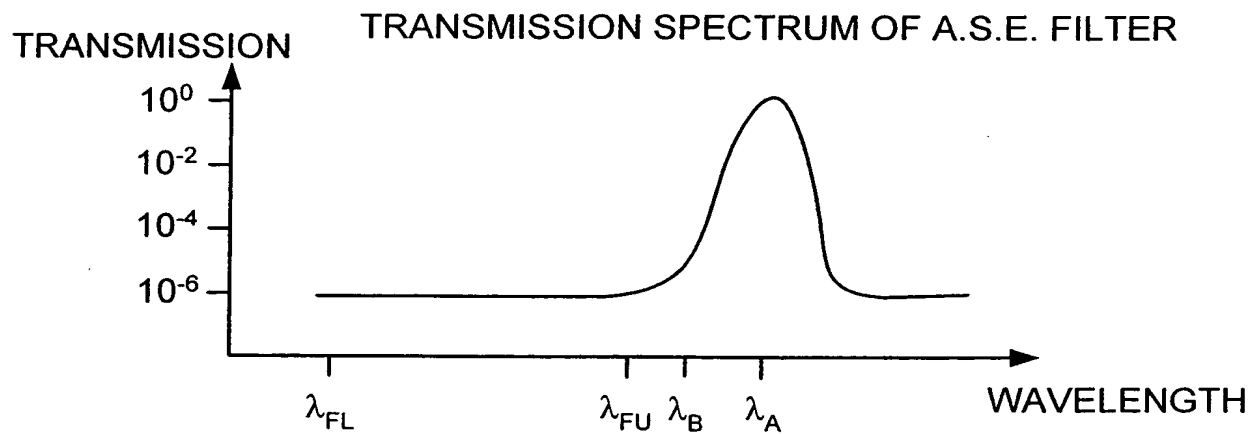


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TRANSMISSION SPECTRUM OF DICHROIC MIRROR

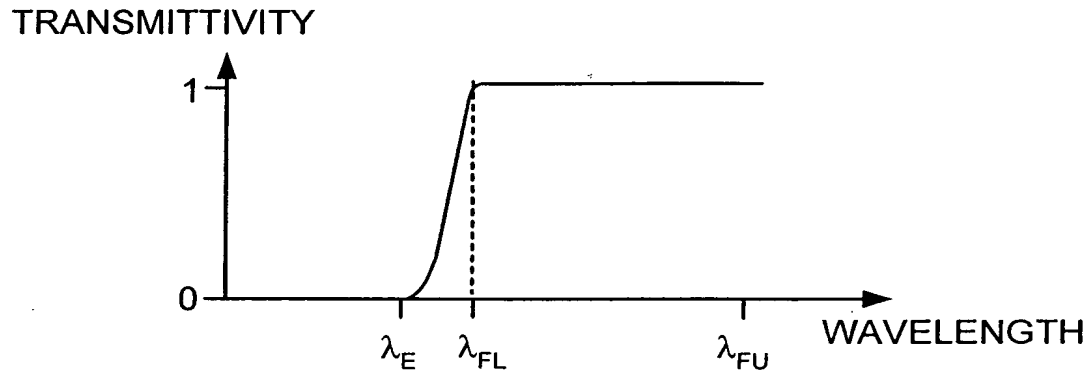


FIG. 30

TRANSMISSION SPECTRUM OF BLOCKING FILTER FOR WAVE LENGTH λ_1

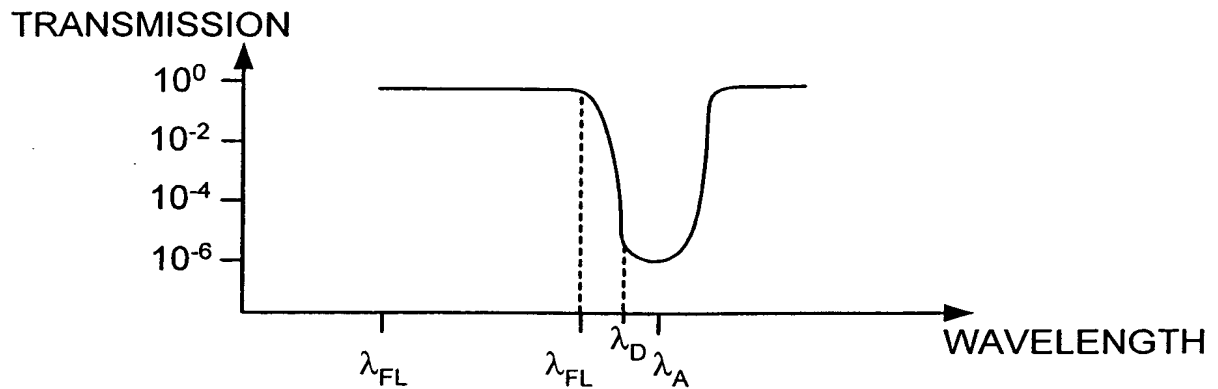


FIG. 31

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SPECTRUM OF LASER FOR SAMPLE EXCITATION



FIG. 32

TRANSMISSION SPECTRUM OF THE "EXCITATION CLEAN-UP FILTER"

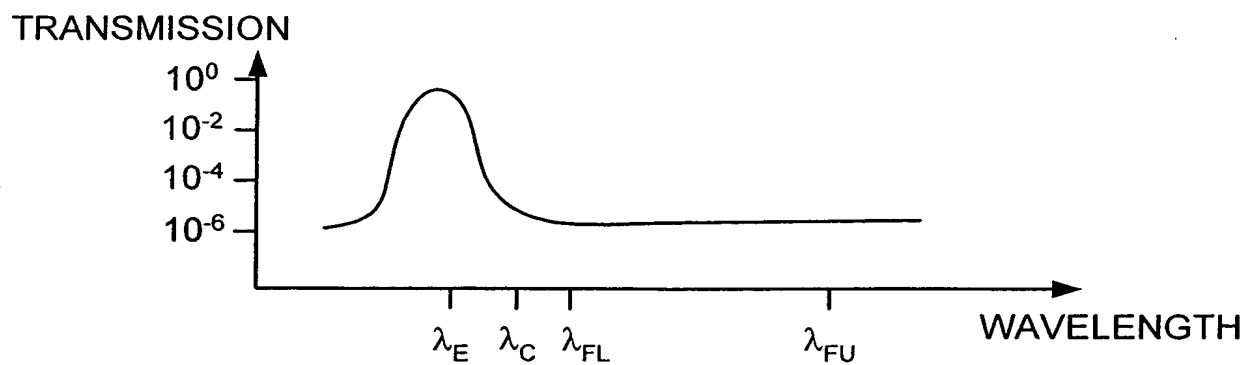


FIG. 33

TRANSMISSION SPECTRUM FOR
 "BLOCKING FILTER FOR SAMPLE DETECTOR"

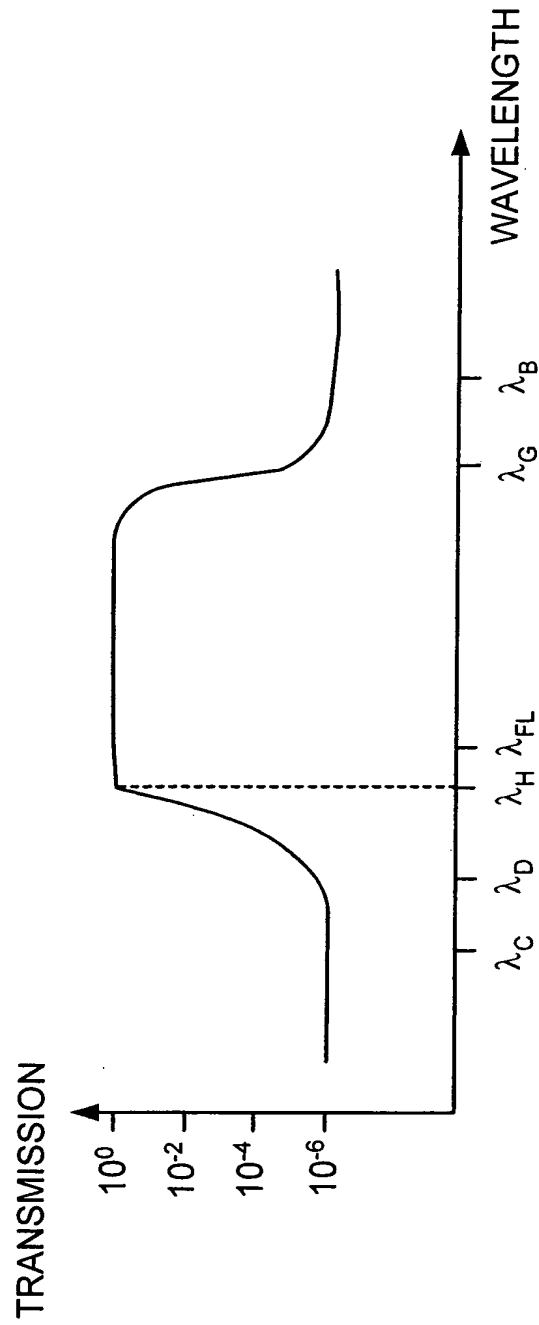


FIG. 34